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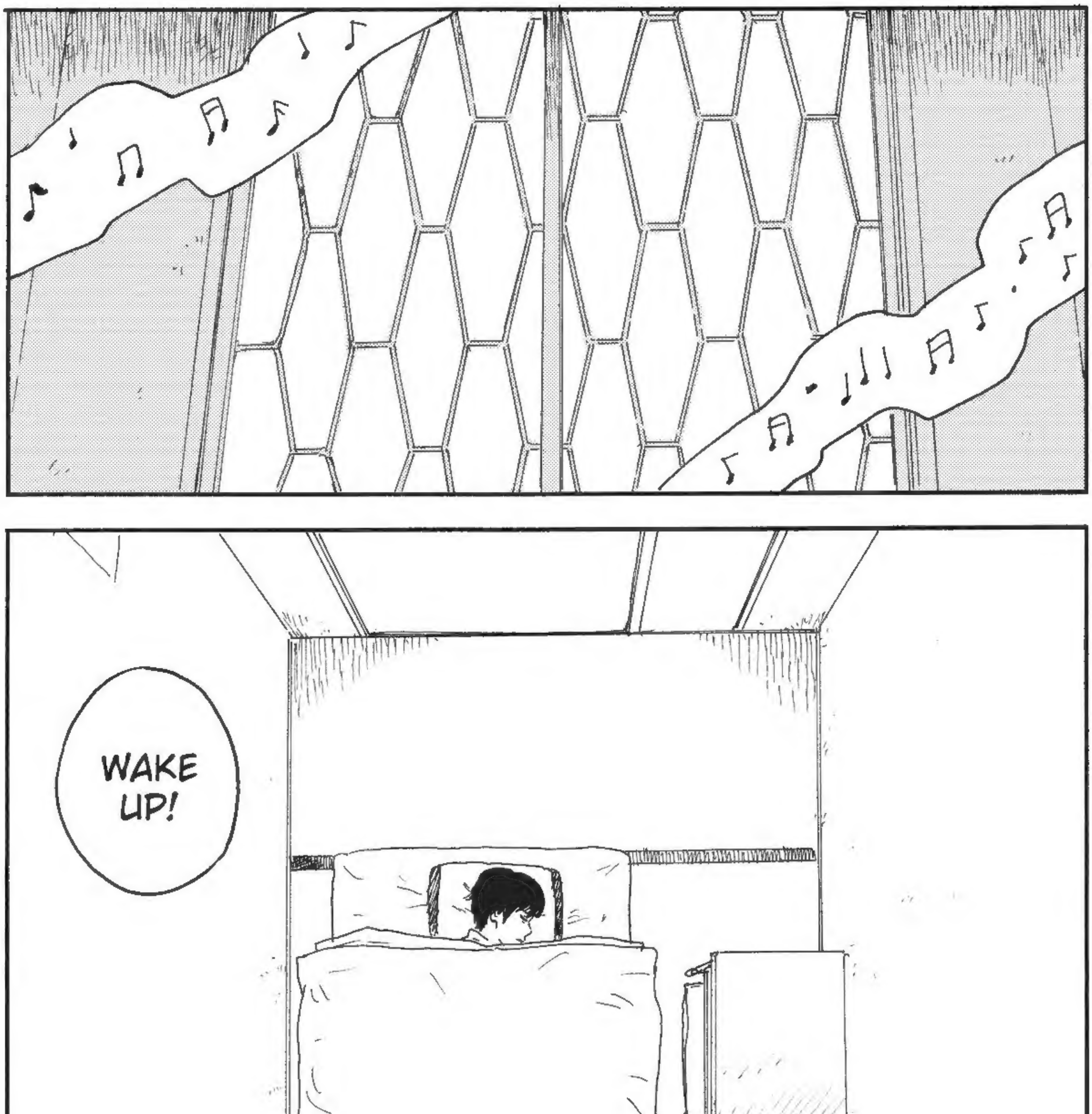
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WAKE UP!

ROOM 14!

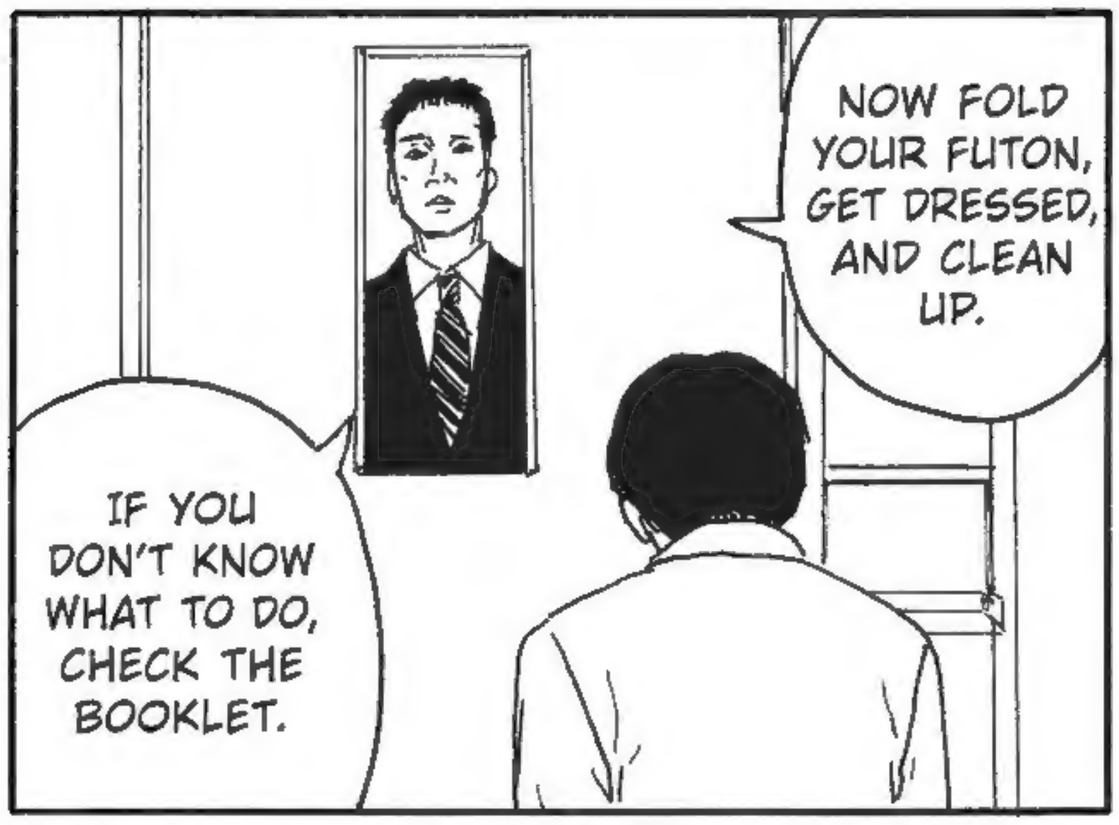
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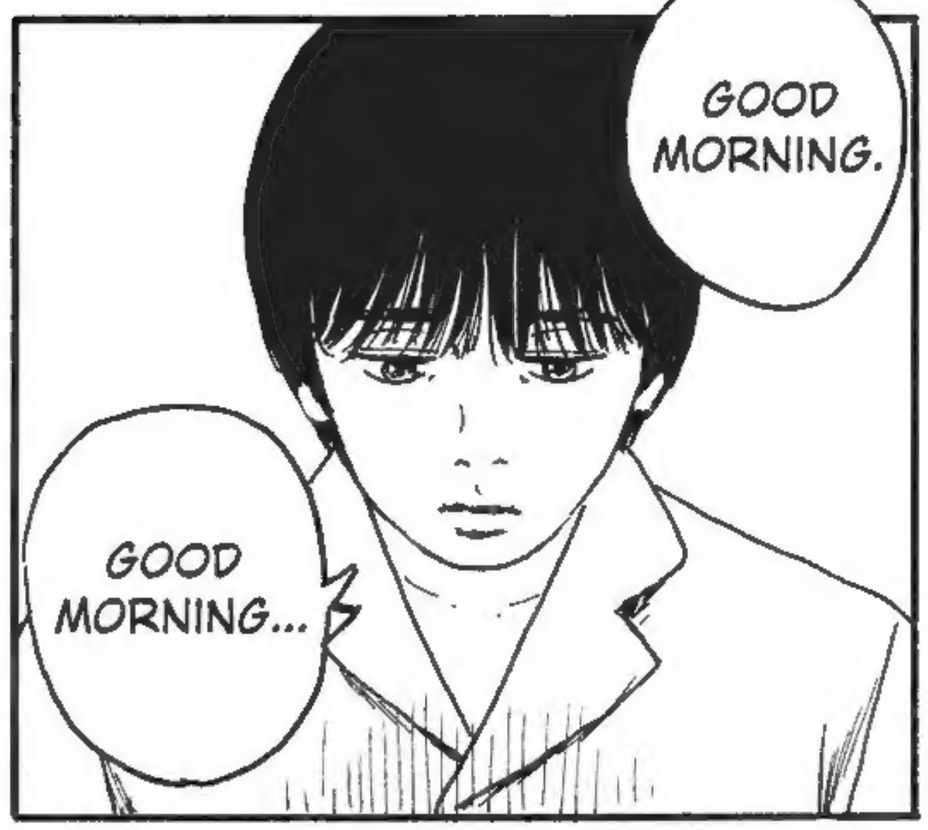
AND SITTING PROPERLY.

WHEN I ARRIVE, YOU SHOULD BE UP

I SAY, "GOOD MORNING,"

AND YOU SAY IT BACK.


NOW FOLD YOUR FUTON, GET DRESSED, AND CLEAN UP.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, CHECK THE BOOKLET.


GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING...


SHK
SHK



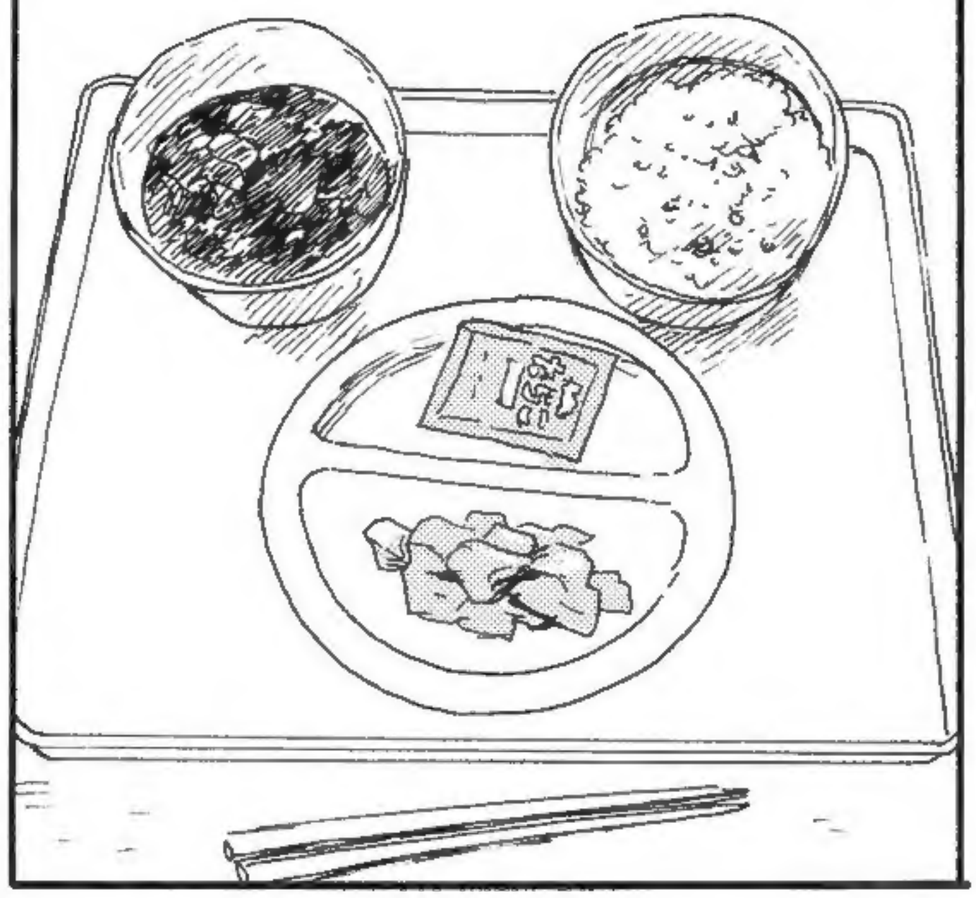

SHK
SHK

HERE'S YOUR BREAKFAST.

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ガラガラガラ RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

THANK YOU...



チュン CHEEP

チュン CHEEP

GO AHEAD, EAT UP.

ガラガラガラ RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

MY NAME'S MIYASHITA. I'M AN INVESTIGATOR.

GOOD MORNING.

AND FIGURE OUT WHAT LED YOU TO DO WHAT YOU DID.

MY JOB IS TO TALK TO YOU, UNDER-STAND YOU,

LET'S THINK TOGETHER ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE.

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF.

IS IN CUSTODY ON SUSPICION OF HAVING PUSHED SHIGERU

OFF A CLIFF, RIGHT?

...NOW, YOUR MOTHER

I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO JUST GO ON LIKE NORMAL.

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY HARD FOR YOU.

CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING AT ALL?

WHAT WAS THAT LIKE?

...

MAYBE THAT WAS TOO SUDDEN.

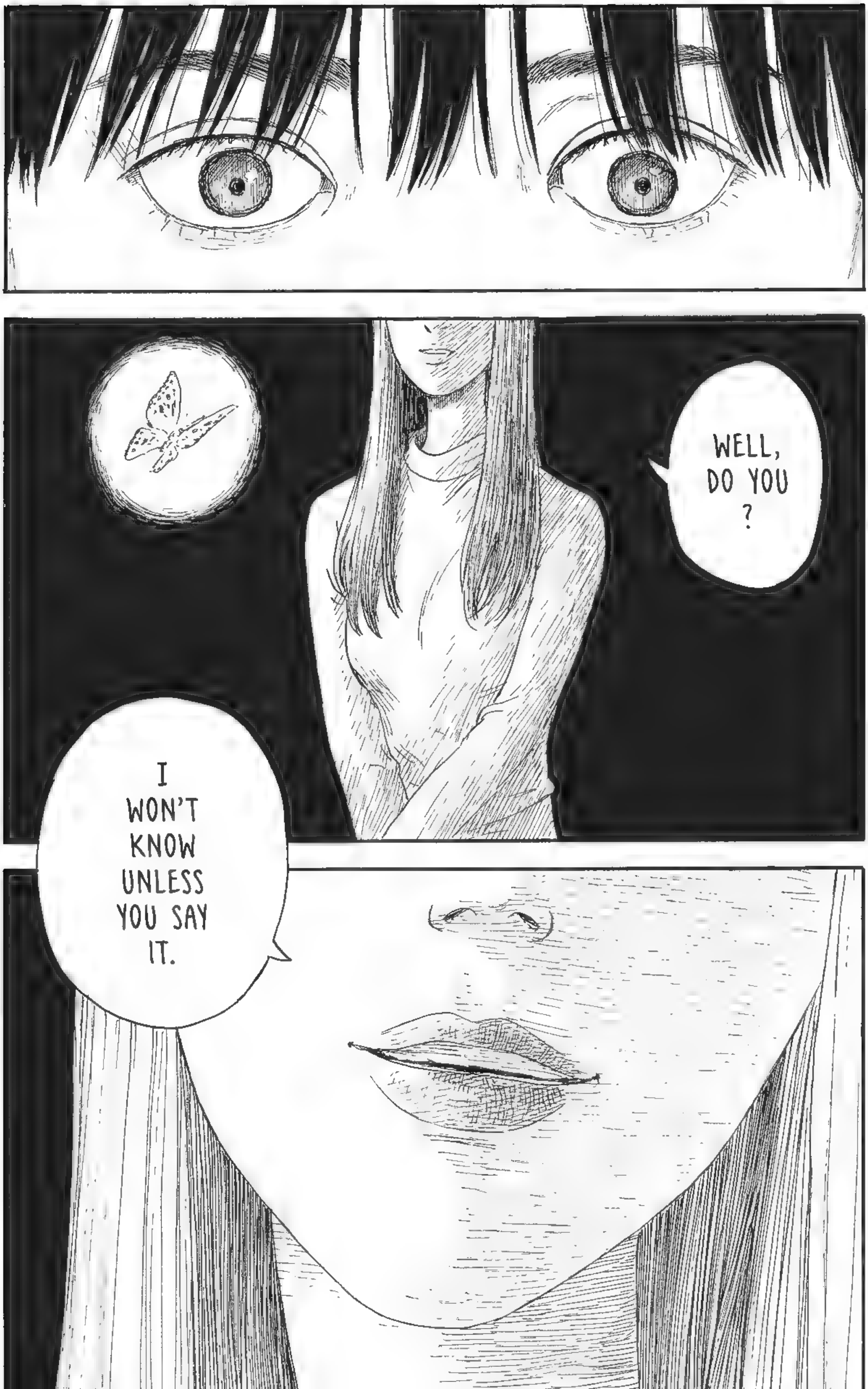
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MOTHER.

ALL RIGHT...

DO YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER?

WHAT'S SHE LIKE,

FROM YOUR PER-SPECTIVE ?


WELL, DO YOU ?
I WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU SAY IT.

IT'S... ALL... OVER...

SO WHY DO WE... HAVE TO...

PLEASE... DON'T.

IT'S ONLY JUST BEGINNING.

...IT'S NOT OVER, SEIICHI.

FACE UP TO YOURSELF.

LET ME HELP YOU

YOU CAN TRY WRITING IT DOWN.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK,

WRITE ANYTHING YOU WANT.

OKAY?

OR DRAW SOMETHING. WHATEVER COMES TO MIND.

WHY...

IS SHE...

WHY...

STILL...

THERE...?

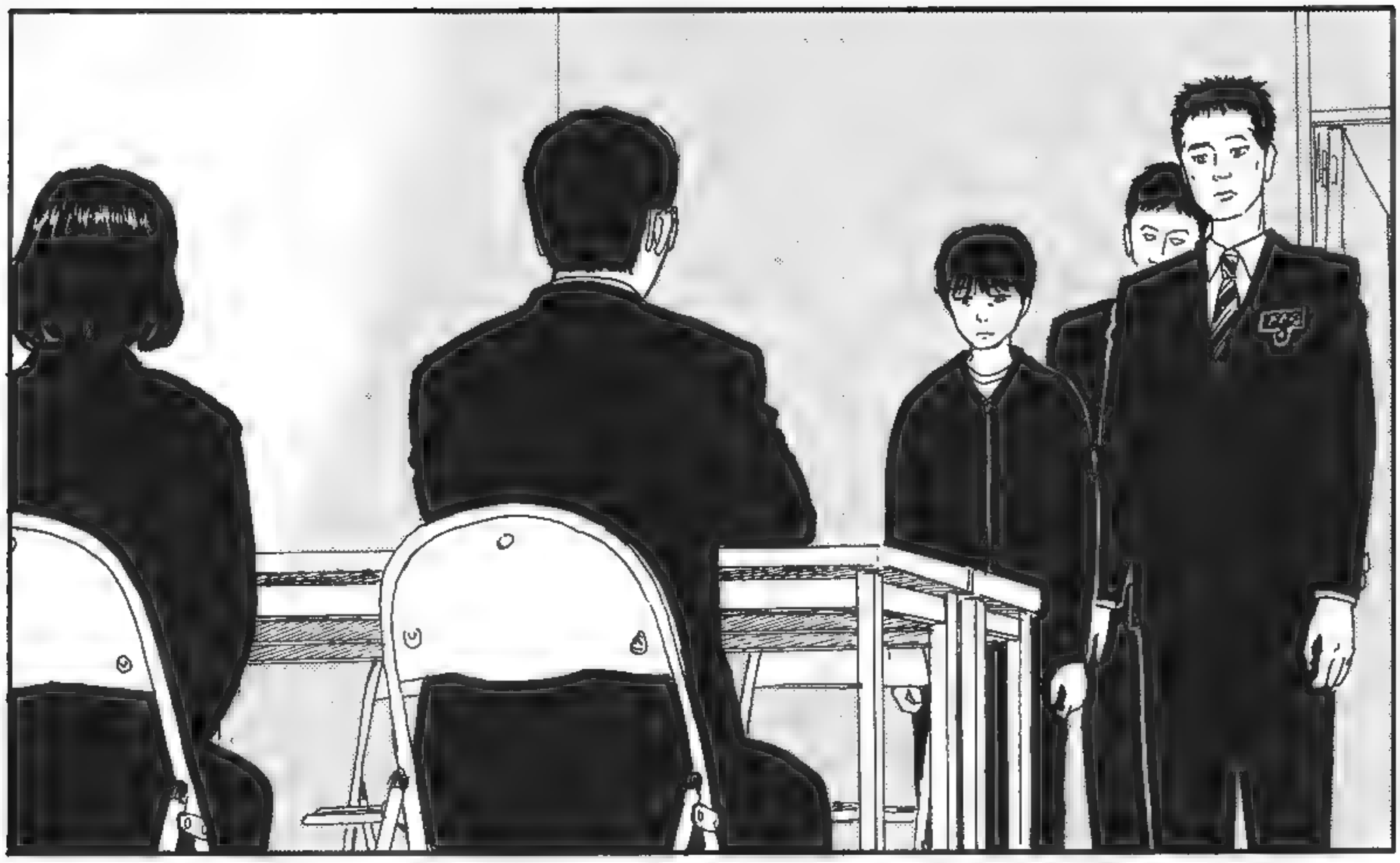
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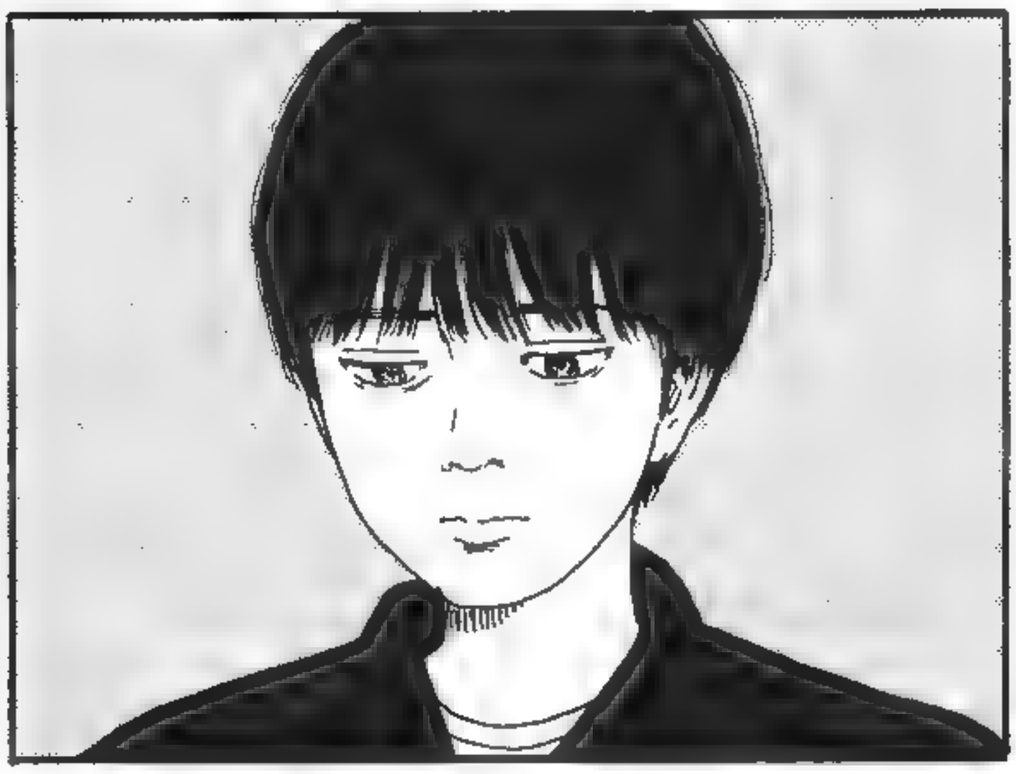
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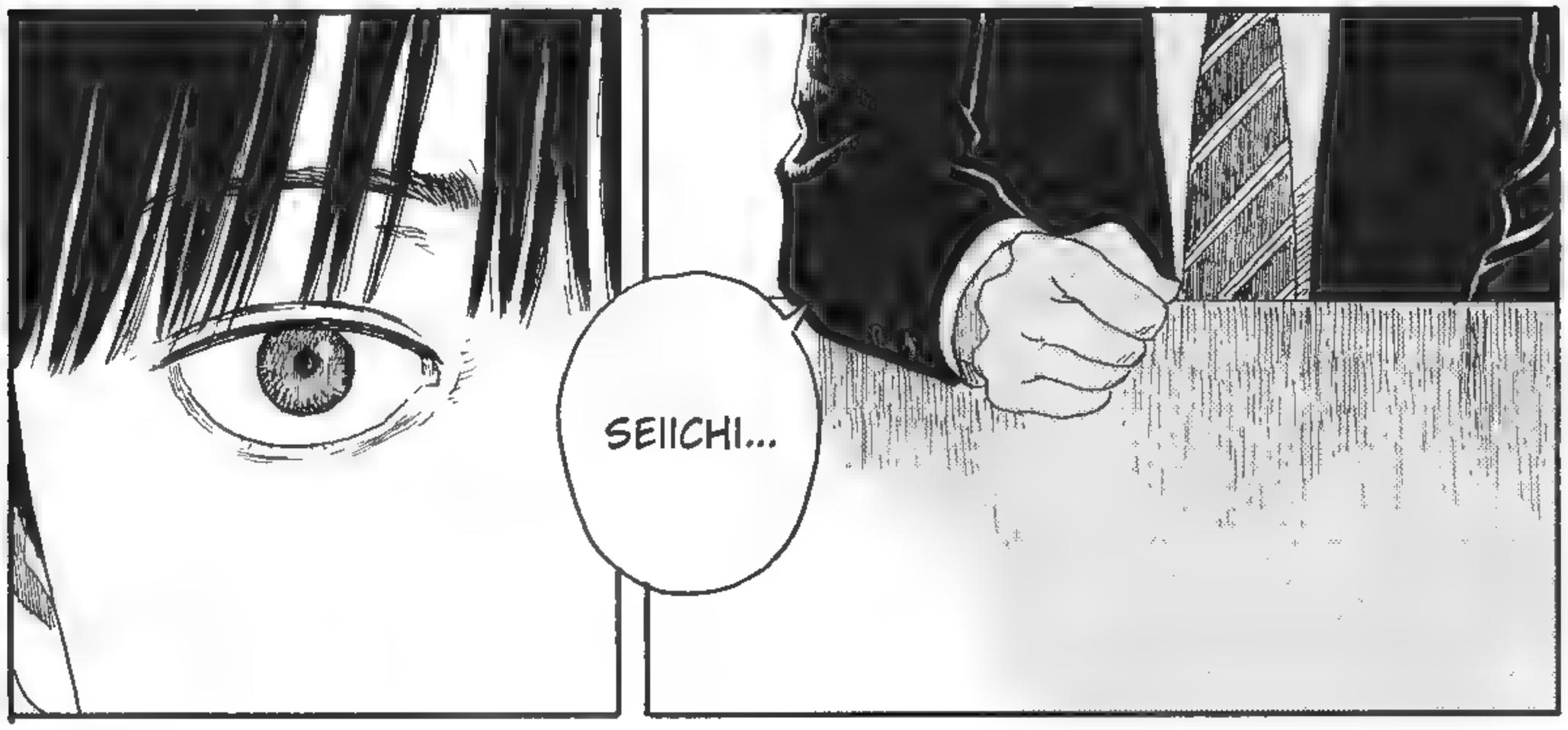
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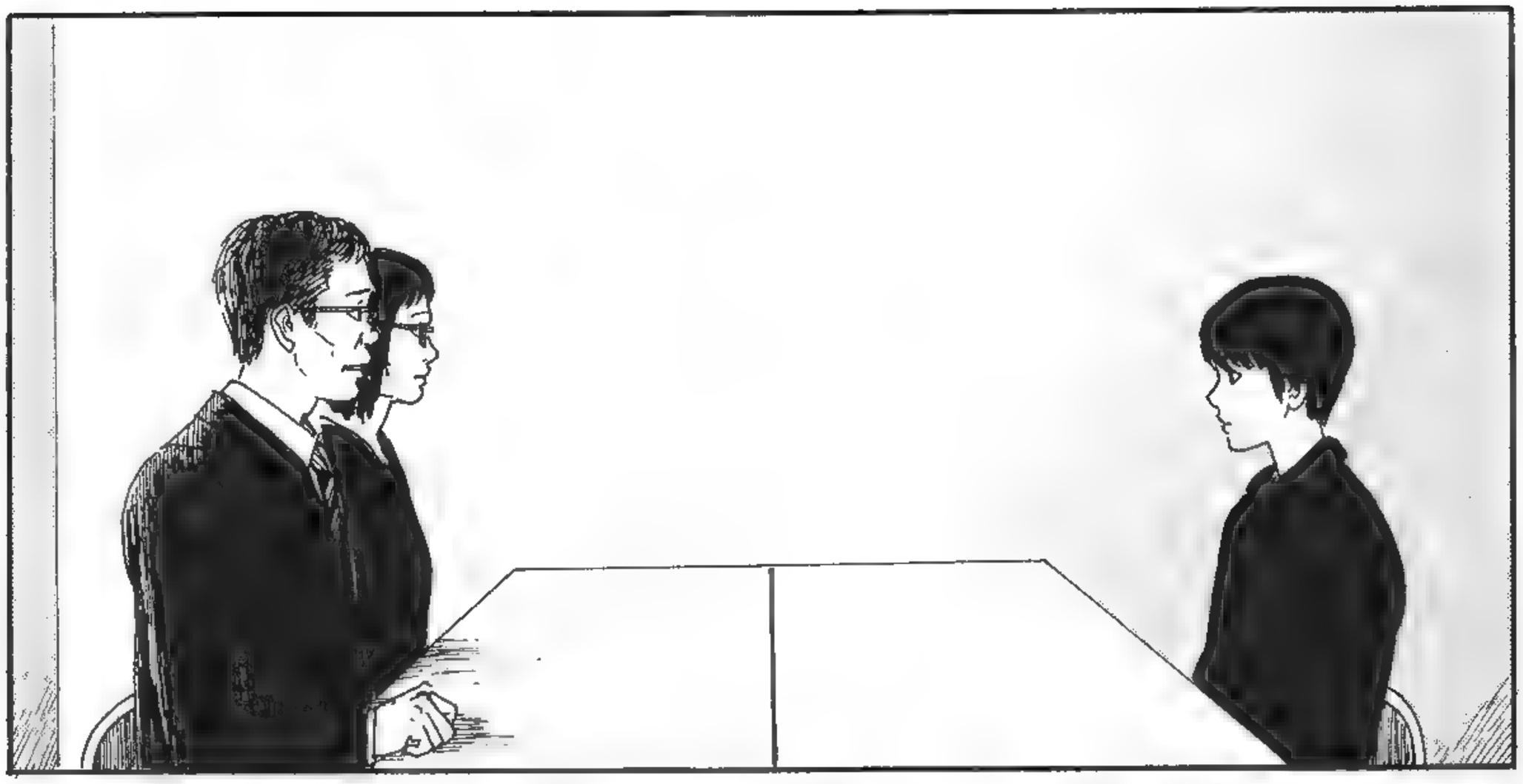



CREAK




SEIICHI...


YOU OKAY ...?




THERE'S... A REASON, RIGHT?




...I'M... SORRY...
I'M SORRY... SEIICHI...


YOU HAD YOUR REASONS ...?

H...

HOW...

DID THIS...

I'M NOT GOING TO ABANDON YOU.

LISTEN, SEIICHI...

SO,

YOU HEAR ME?

IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

DID MOMMY KNOW?

WHETHER MOMMY HAD HEARD WHAT I DID?

DID YOU FIND OUT...

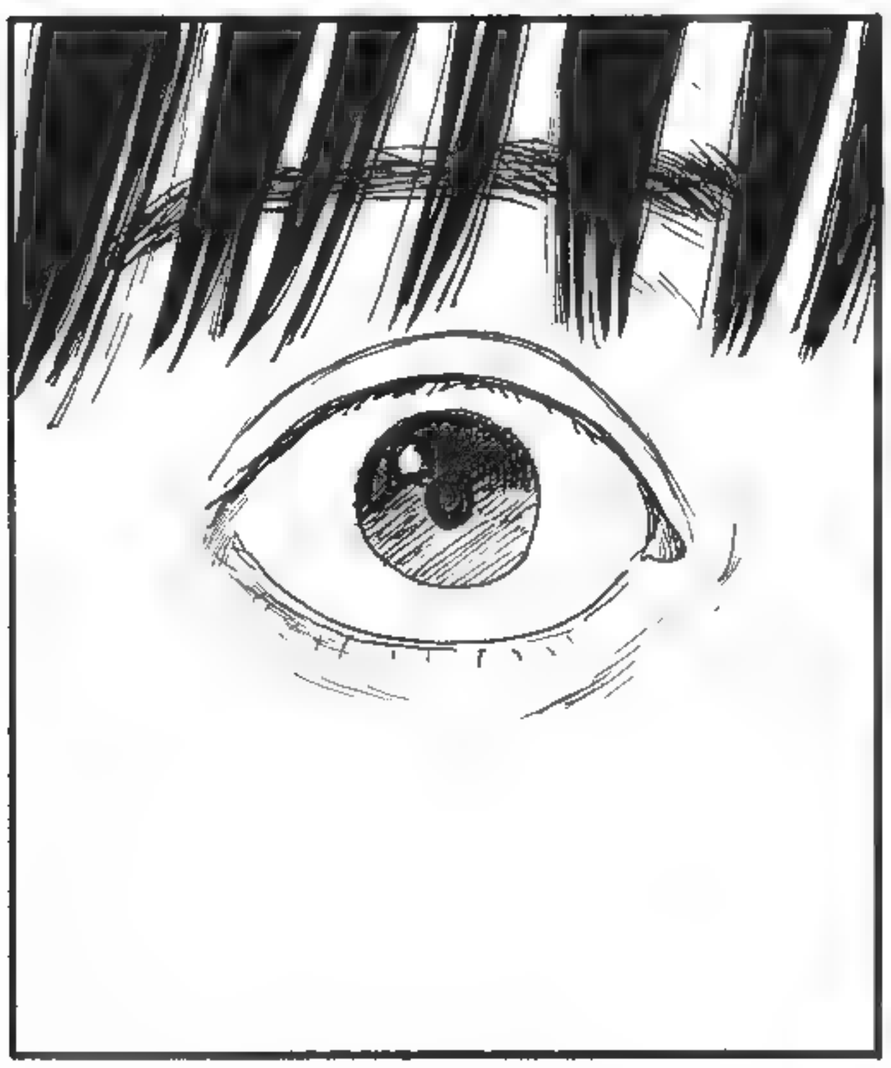
YEAH... I CHECKED.

...HUH? OH...


THEY SAID THEY TOLD HER.


DID SHE SAY...?
...WHAT...





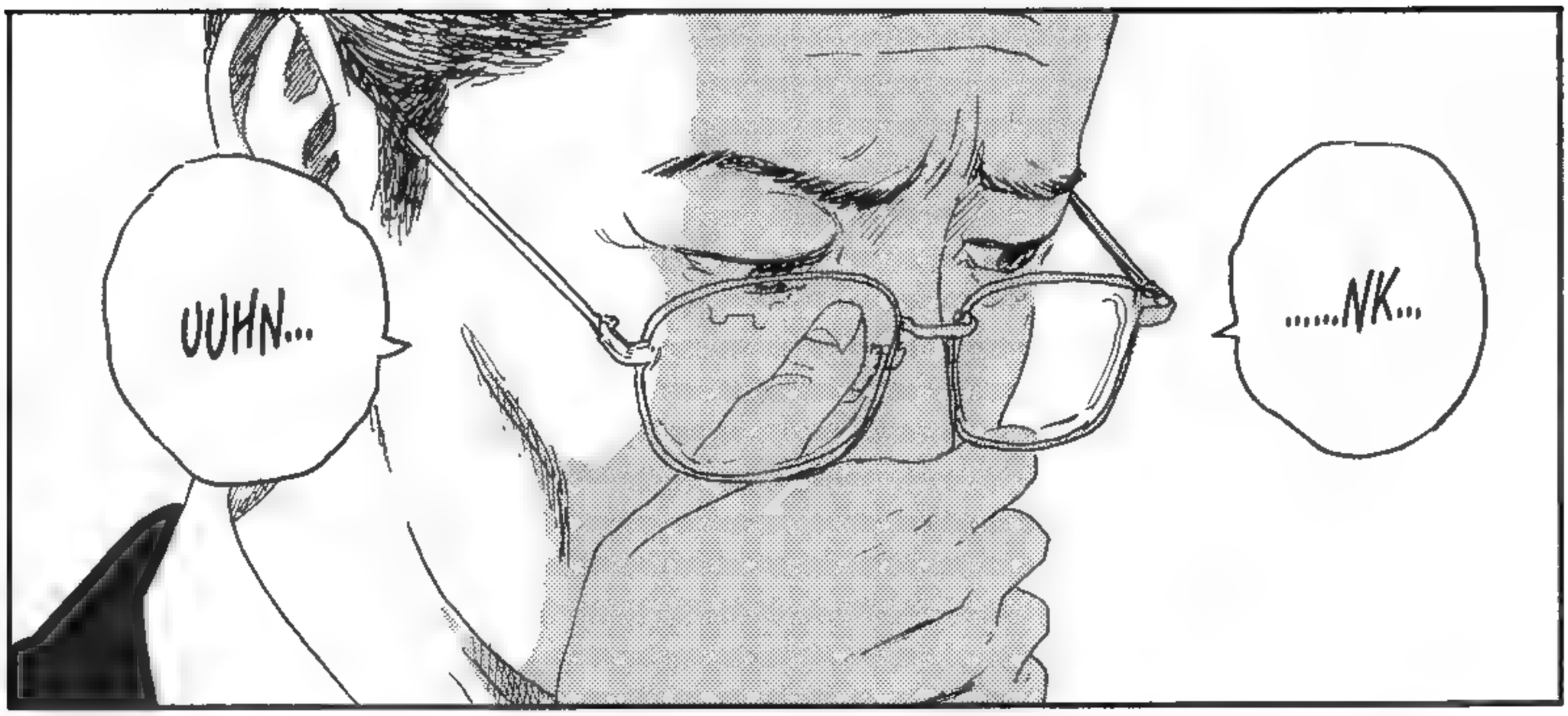

...THEY SAID...

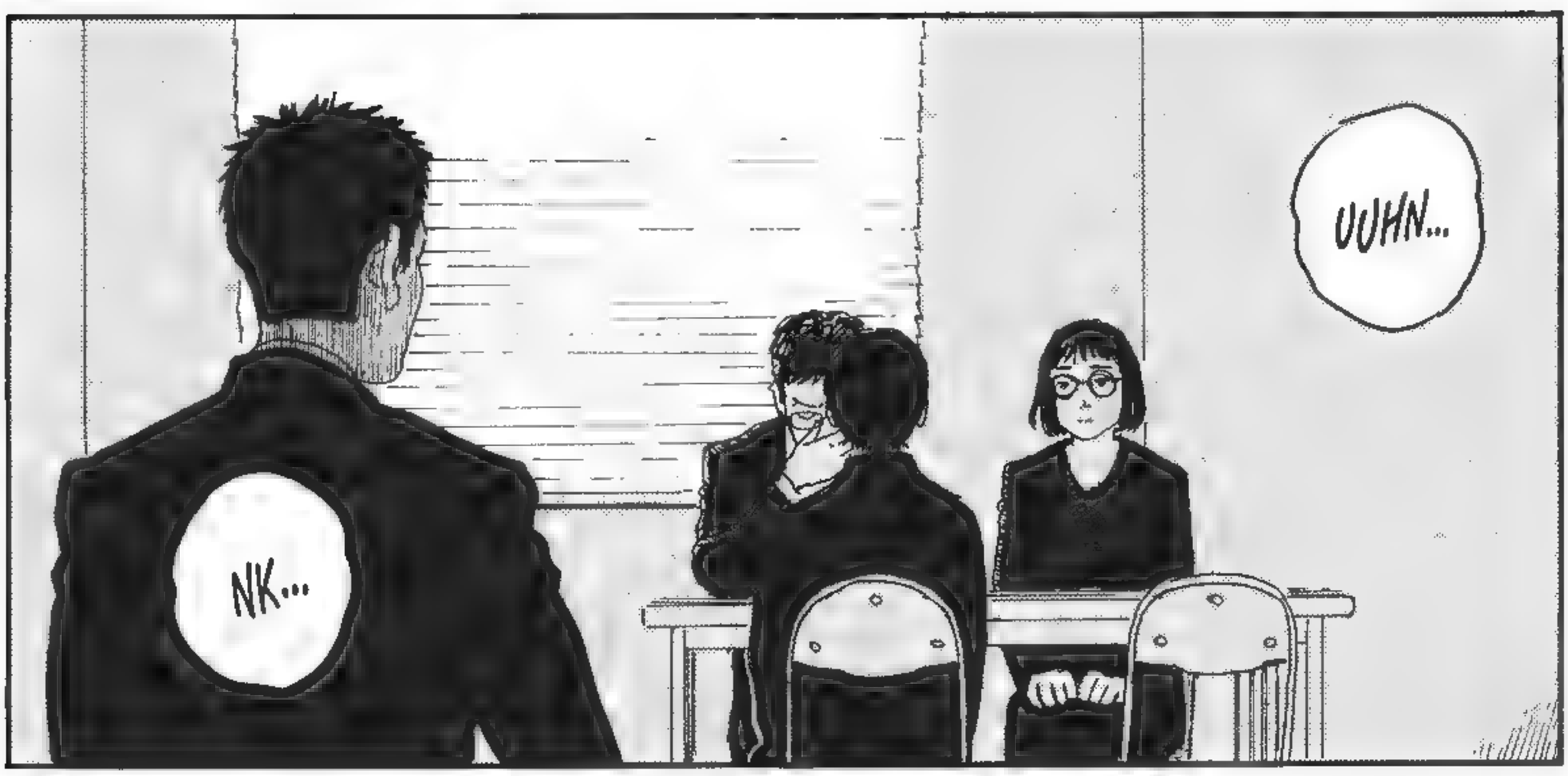

SHE JUST CRIED.
SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING,

THAT'S IT...?

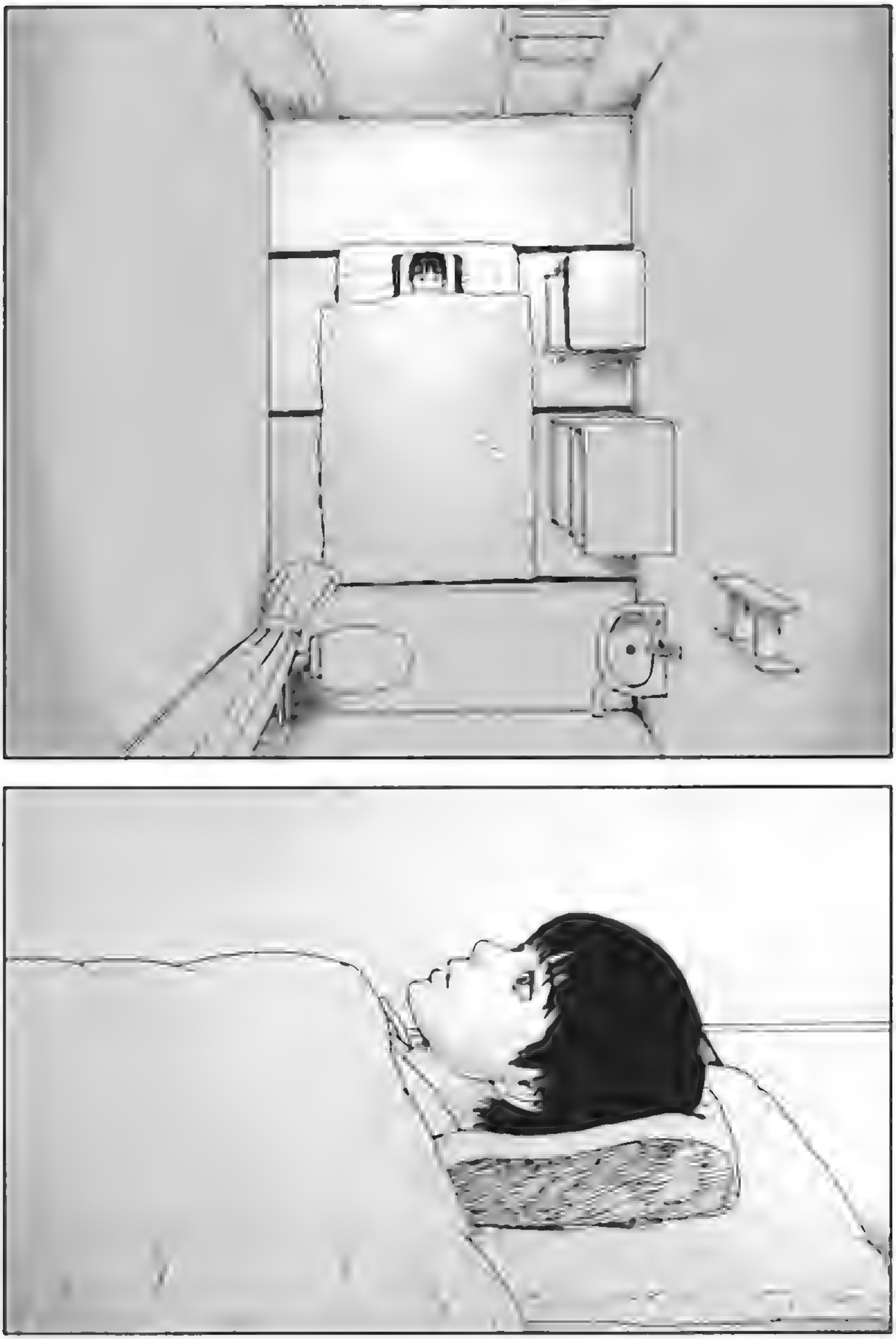
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MM-HMM.


UUHN...
.....NK...


NK...
UUHN...

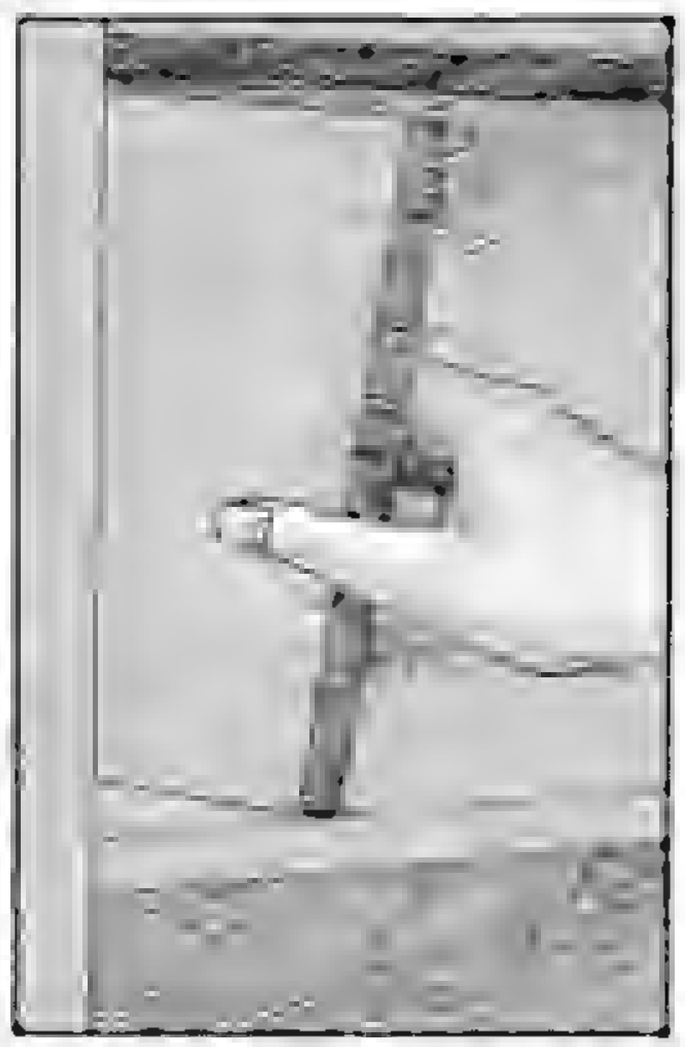

LIGHTS OUT!



SHE JUST CRIED...

SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ...


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WHY

TK

TK

WHY DID

TK

SHE CRY?

TK

KLK

HEY!

GET BACK IN BED THIS INSTANT!

ROOM 14! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

TK

TK

TK

TK

TK

TK!!

KLK

SEI.

MORNING,

TIME TO GET UP.

COME ON.

IT'S TIME TO GET UP AND THINK.

ONLY ABOUT YOUR MOMMY.

COME ON.

YOU KNOW IT IS.

MY LITTLE MURDERER.

HH!

HFF

HFF

HFF

SHLP

CHEEP

CHEEP

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

AH...
NGH

HH!

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HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

MOMMY

WHAT WOULD MOMMY SAY?

[illegible]

DO I WANT HER TO SAY IT?

DO I NOT WANT HER TO SAY IT?

POOR THING

YOU DID YOUR BEST

IT'S ALL MOMMY'S FAULT

I'M SORRY

YOU MURDERER

~~MOMMY~~ I DIDN'T KILL HIM

YOU KILLED HIM

~~SHOULD'VE LOOK~~

GOODBYE

YOU MONSTER

I'M DONE HERE

I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANYTHING ~~YOU HAVE TO SAY~~

BUT I GET IT

~~MAYBE WE HAVE THE SAME SICKNESS~~

LET'S DIE TOGETHER, MOMMY

LET'S DISAPPEAR TOGETHER

MAYBE DADDY TOO?

THE THREE OF US?

DON'T HURT OUR MOMMY ANYMORE

STAY AWAY

TIME TO CUT OUR TIES

YOU CAN GO DIE BY YOURSELF

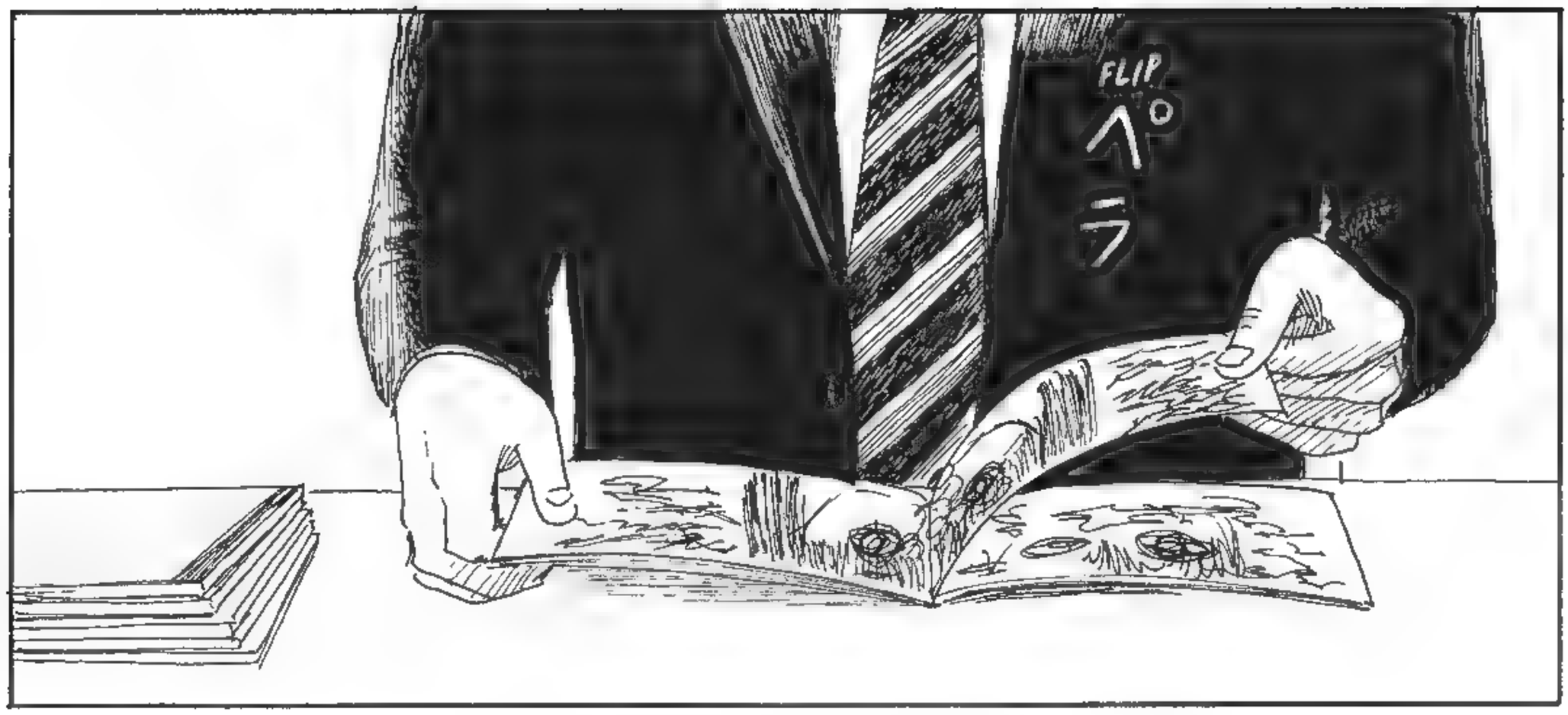
I'M SICK OF IT ALL

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU,

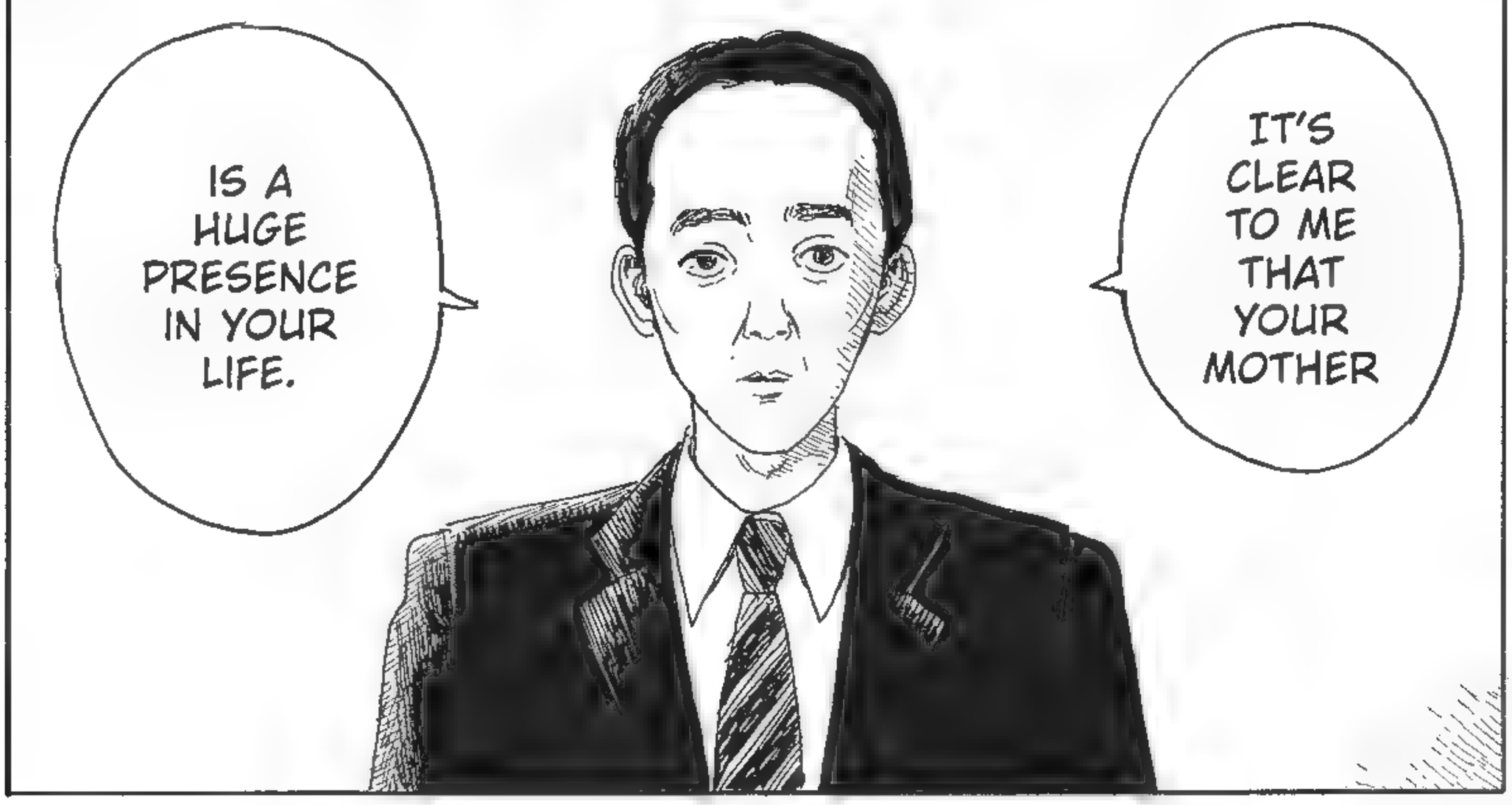
YOUR MOMMY IS LIKE THIS

I WANNA GET AWAY FROM YOU

I'M SCARED


FLIP


YOU SURE WROTE A LOT.
...IT'S BEEN A WEEK, HASN'T IT?


IS A HUGE PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE.
IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT YOUR MOTHER

SHE *IS* YOUR LIFE.

OR... IT'S MORE THAN THAT.

SHE'S KILLED YOU, PSYCHO-LOGICALLY SPEAKING.

YOUR MOTHER CONTROLS YOU.

NOW THAT YOUR MOTHER'S GONE,

YOU'RE GONE TOO.

SO YOU HAVE NO SELF.

ALL YOU HAVE IS THE SELF SHE CHOSE FOR YOU.

IS THAT IT?

THAT IS, YOU PUSHED SHIGERU.

SO TO GET THAT SELF BACK,

YOU TRIED TO DO THE SAME THING YOUR MOTHER DID.

HAAH...

...

AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT *YOU* DECIDE WHO THAT SELF IS, NOT YOUR MOTHER.

YOU NEED A SENSE OF SELF.

...

YES, YOU DO.

I BELONG TO ME?

YOU MEAN,

I'M THE ONE WHO TOOK MOMMY FROM HERSELF.

NO.

BUT SHIGE DIED...

AND I'M STILL ALIVE.

SO I KILLED MYSELF...

YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT MOMMY AGAIN?

AND SO NOW,

WHAT THE HELL...

AM I...

WHY DID SHIGERU COME TO YOUR HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

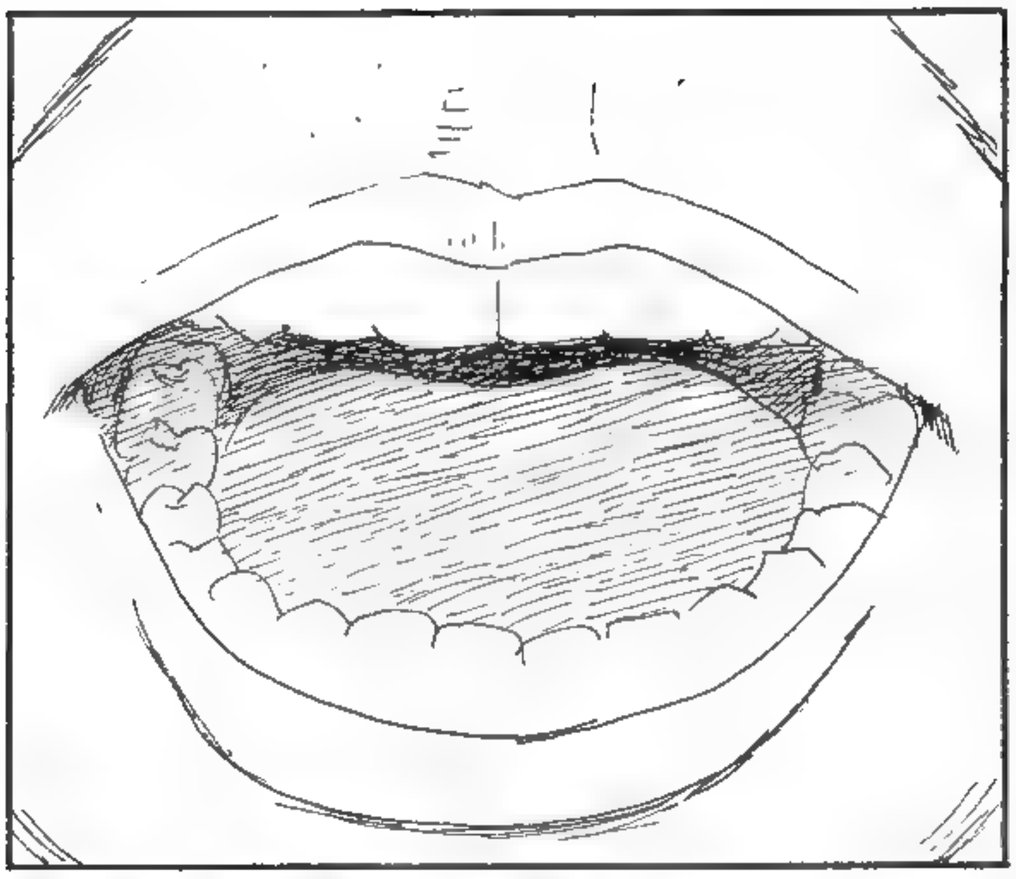
YOU MUST HAVE CALLED HIM OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?

THEN WHY WOULD HE JUST

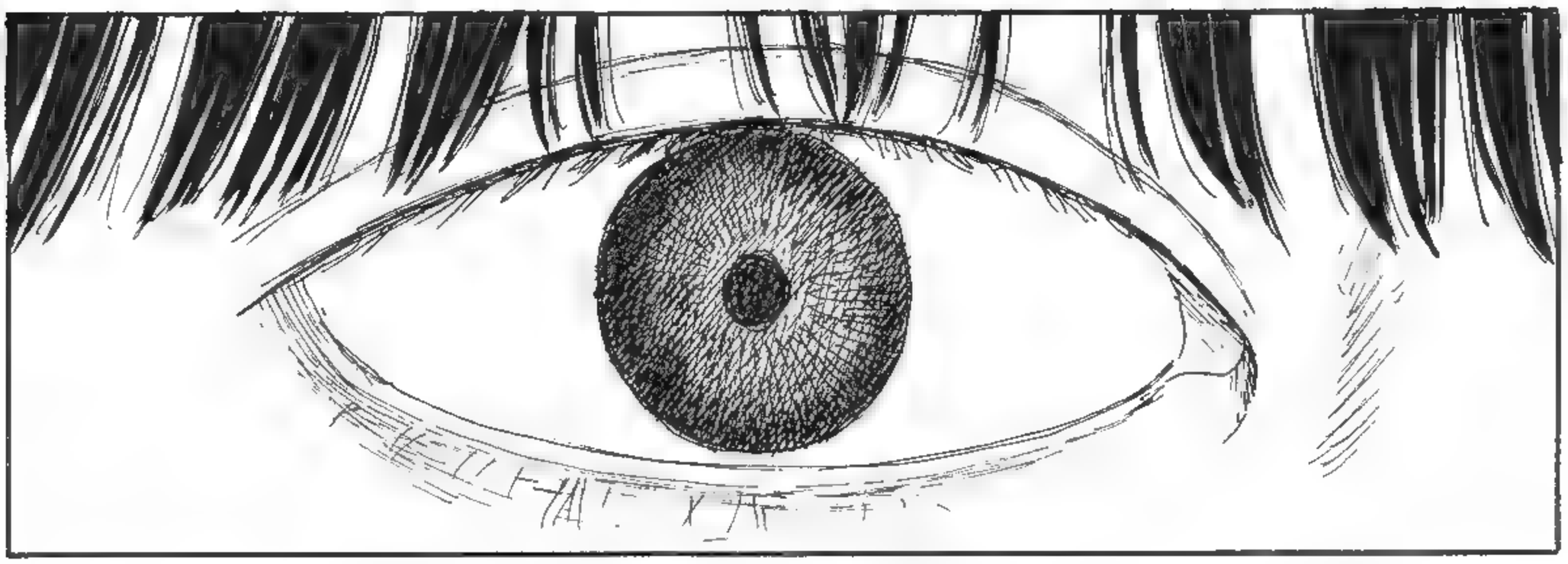
SHOW UP ALL ON HIS OWN?

...NO...

I DIDN'T.

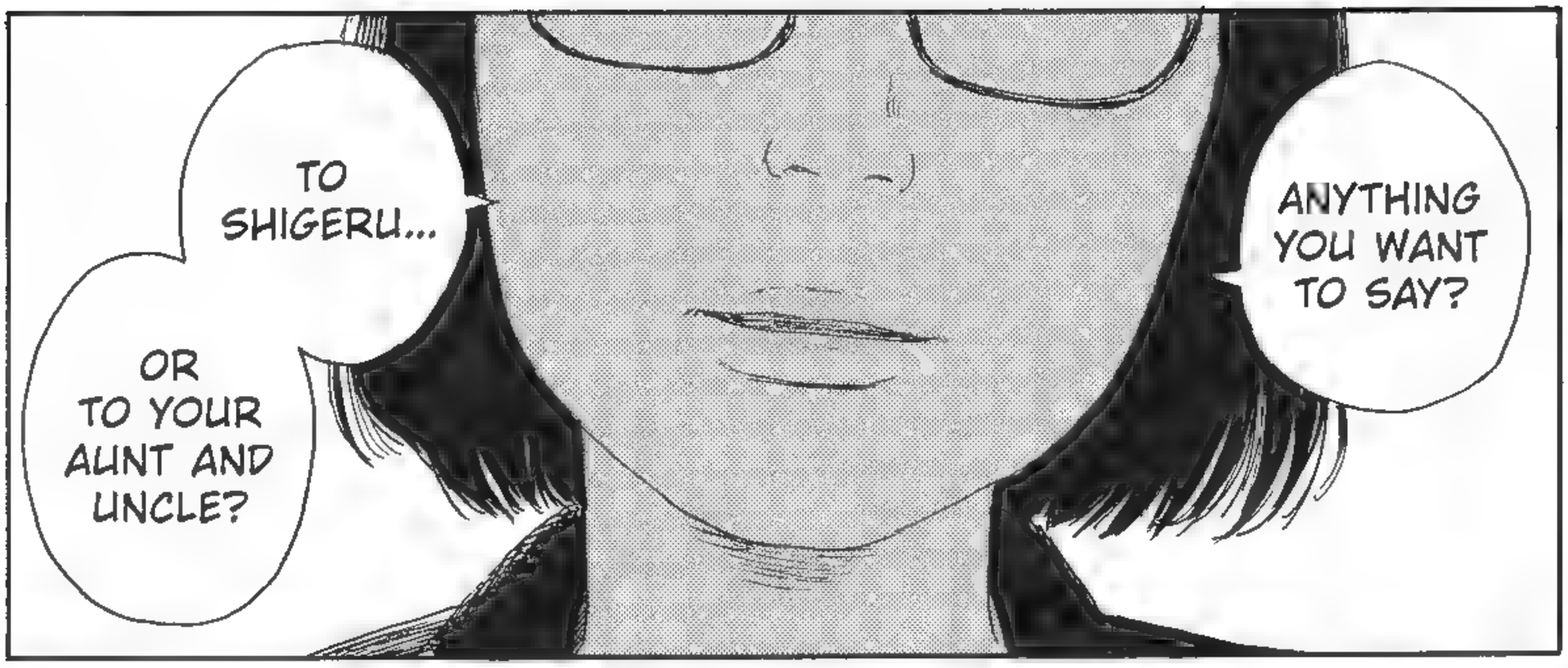




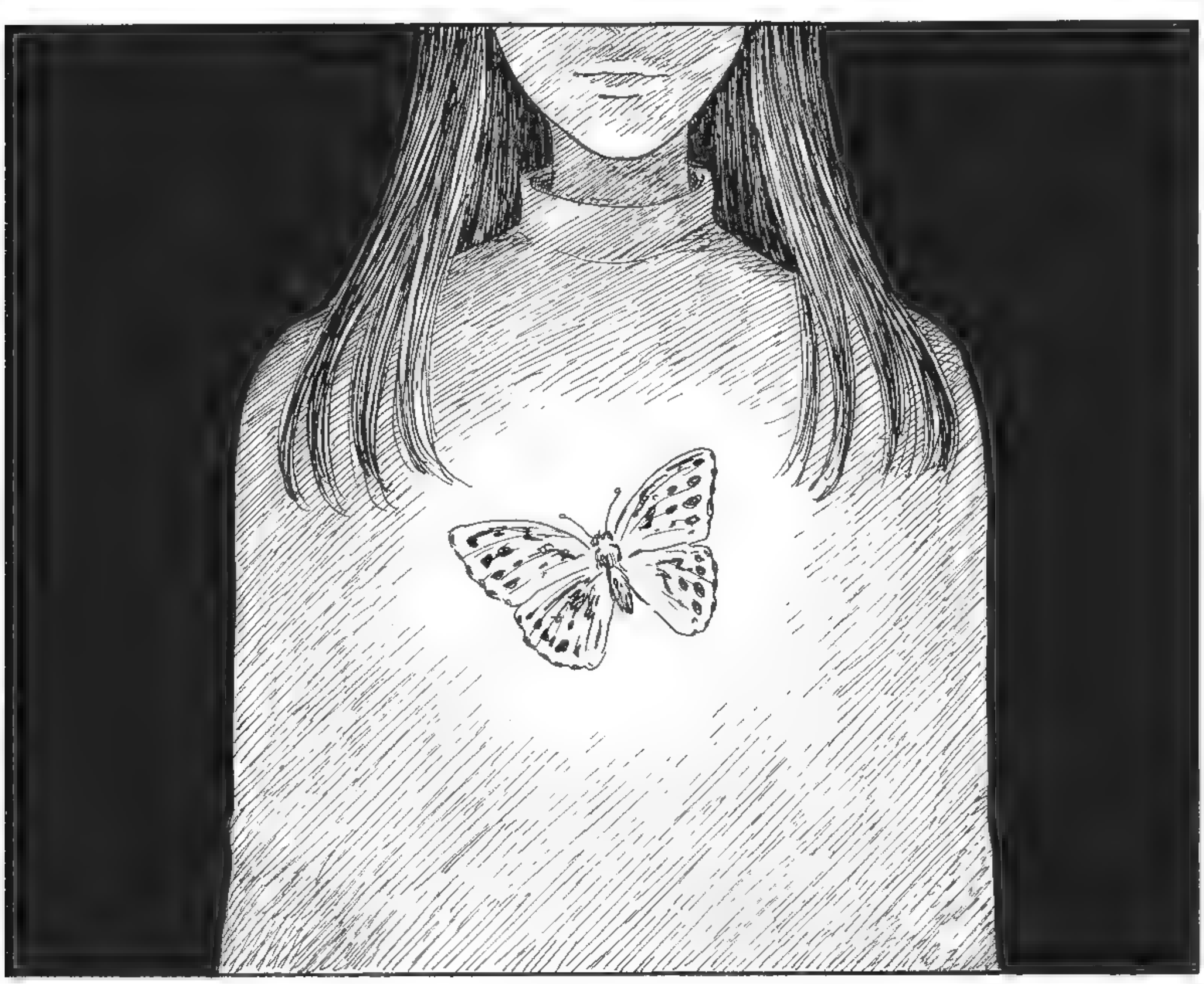



SO, ABOUT SHIGERU.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ANY NEW IDEAS?


HOW'S IT GOING?
YOU SLEEPING OKAY?



I



I

ROOM 14!

THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

COME WITH US.

SEIICHI.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

KREE

THERE'S

SOMETHING WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT.

WE'RE FROM THE MAEBASHI DPPO.

WE'RE INVESTI-GATING YOUR MOTHER'S CASE.

SHE WAS FOUND FIT TO STAND TRIAL,

SO NOW SHE'S UNDER EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTOR.

YOUR MOTHER'S PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION IS FINISHED.

SHE'D ADMITTED TO THE ALLEGATIONS,

AND AGREED THAT THINGS WERE JUST AS YOU TESTIFIED.

IN HER PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE...

THE THING IS,

NOW SHE'S CHANGED HER STORY.

SHE'S SAYING

SHE DIDN'T DO IT.

THAT SHE DIDN'T PUSH HIM.

THAT SHIGERU FELL BY HIMSELF AFTER ALL.

TELL US ONE MORE TIME.

YOU SAW YOUR MOTHER PUSH SHIGERU, DIDN'T YOU?

SHE DIDN'T DO IT.

YOUR MOTHER IS SAYING

FELL BY HIMSELF AFTER ALL.

THAT SHIGERU

YOU SAW YOUR MOTHER PUSH SHIGERU?

LET ME ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.

YOU SAW IT, RIGHT?

...Y...YES...

YOU SAW IT CLEARLY ?

AND,

CLEARLY ...?

...

SEE IT...
CLEARLY...?

DID...
I...

Auntie?

Oh shut up

IT... LOOKED LIKE IT...

BUT... IT COULD BE...

THAT... I WAS THINKING...

...NO... I KNOW I WAS THINKING...

PUSH HIM!

MOMMY!

MAYBE... IT JUST LOOKED TO ME... LIKE MOMMY PUSHED HIM...

SO... SO...

MAYBE... IT WAS ALL...

JUST MY... IMAGINATION ?

...SEIICHI.

BEFORE YOUR MOTHER WENT TO THE POLICE,

YOUR AUNT AND UNCLE CAME TO THE HOUSE, RIGHT?

SHE SAYS YOUR UNCLE PUNCHED YOUR FATHER,

THEN GRABBED YOUR MOTHER'S HAIR AND FORCED HER TO PROSTRATE HERSELF.

YOUR MOTHER SAYS

THAT THEY GOT VIOLENT.

IS THAT CORRECT?

...YES...

THAT FRIGHTENED HER INTO CONFESSING.

YOUR MOTHER SAYS

IS BE THE BAD GUY."

SHE SAYS SHE THOUGHT, "ALL I HAVE TO DO

AND,

"I DON'T WANT SEIICHI TO SEE ME LIKE THIS."

FROM THE BEGINNING?


SEIICHI.

CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED ONE MORE TIME?

...THEN...

THEN...

WHAT THE HELL... AM I?


IF MOMMY... DIDN'T DO IT...
THEN... WHAT THE HELL...
HAVE I BEEN DOING?

WHAT THE HELL ?!

WHAT THE HELL ?!

WHAT THE HELL ?!

SEIICHI...

WHAT THE HELL?!

WHAT THE HELL?!

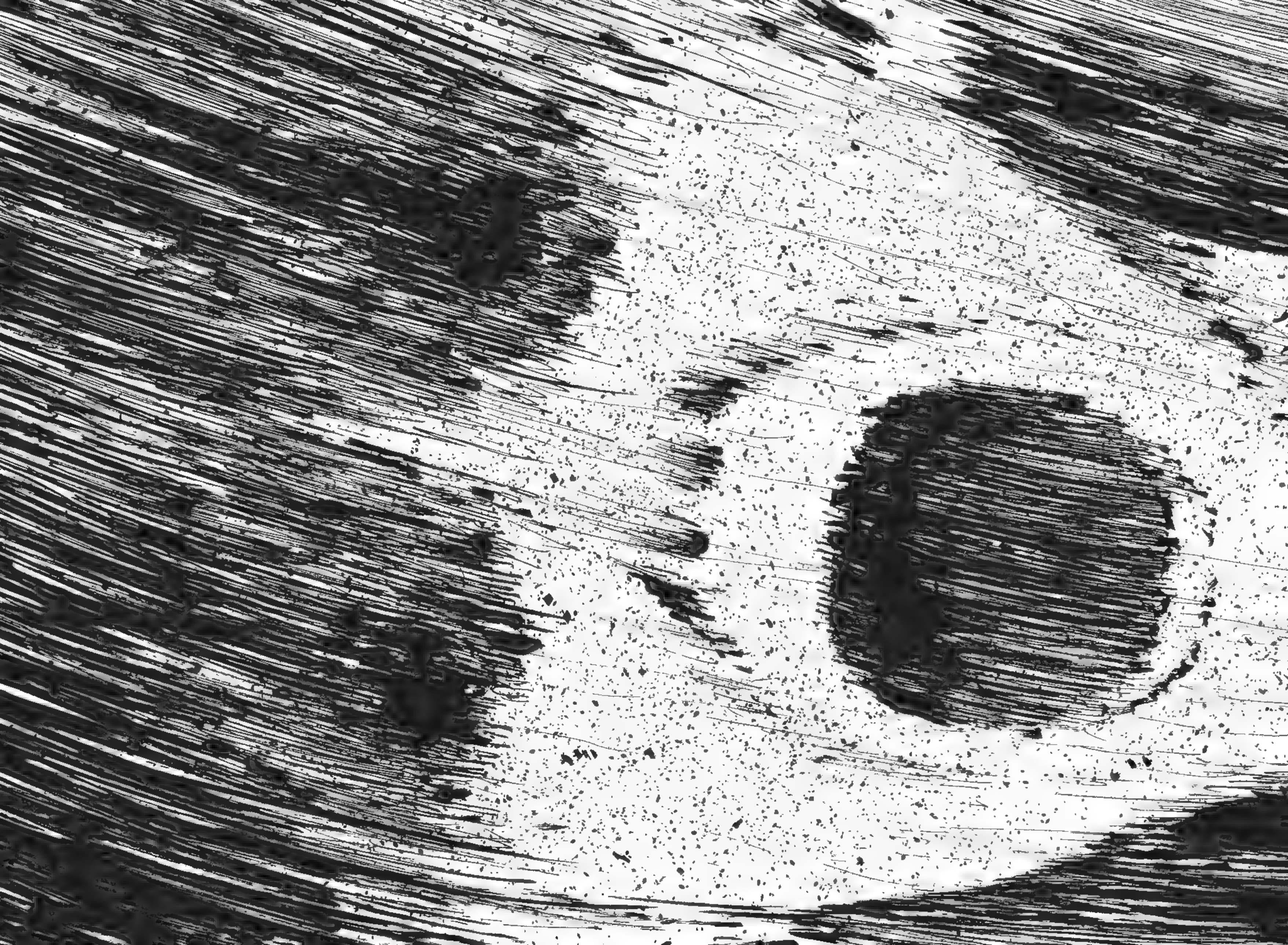
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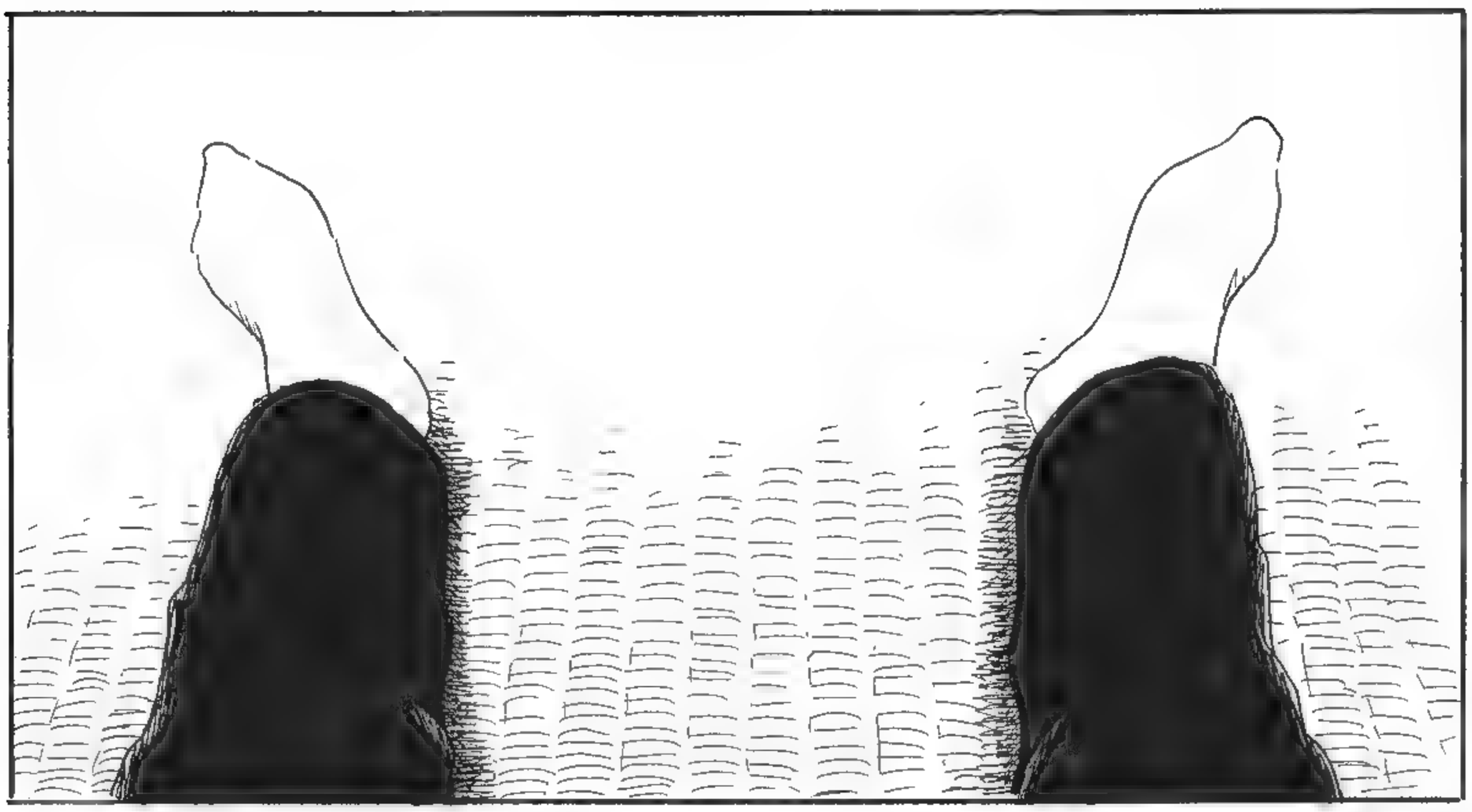
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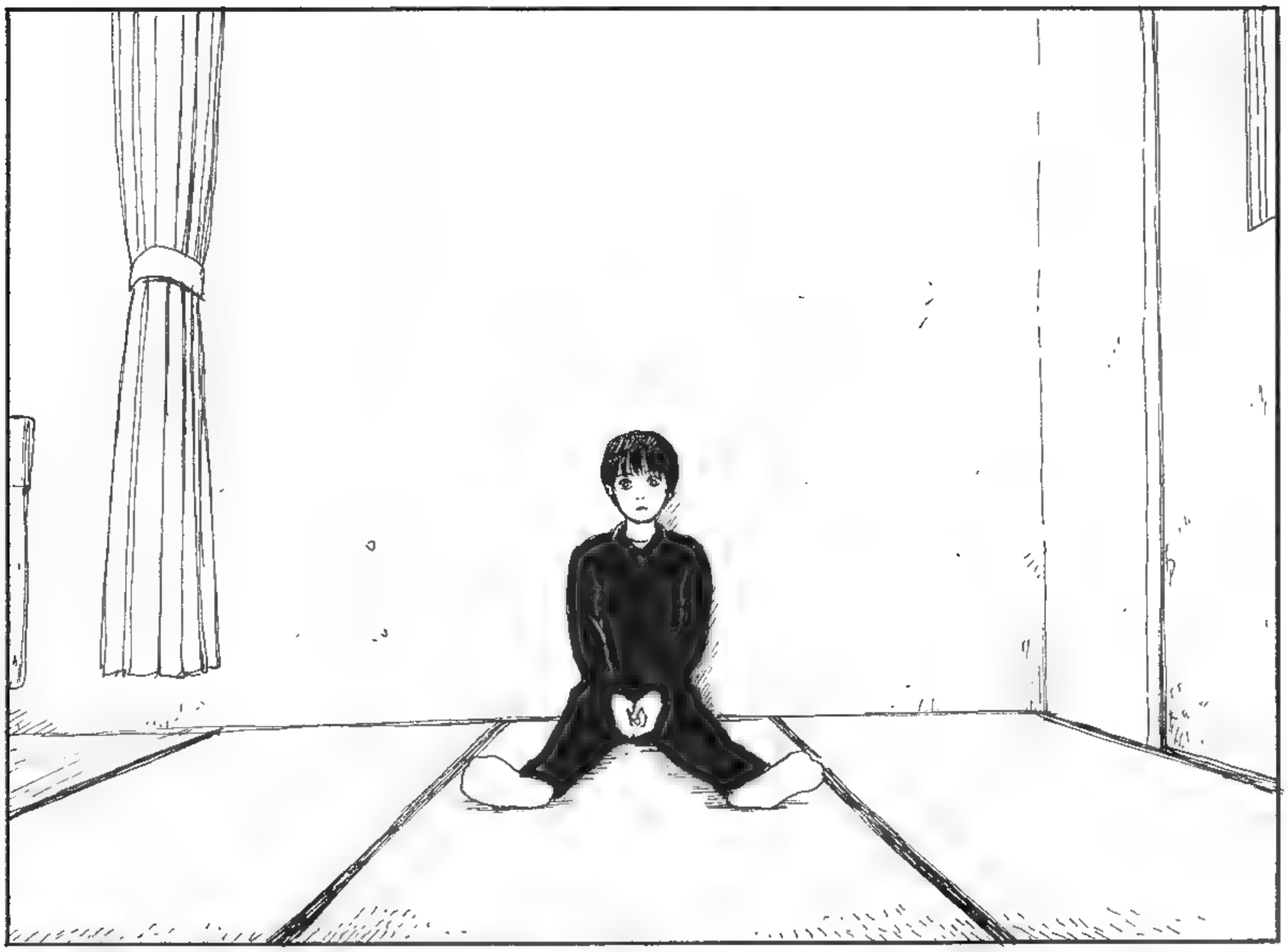
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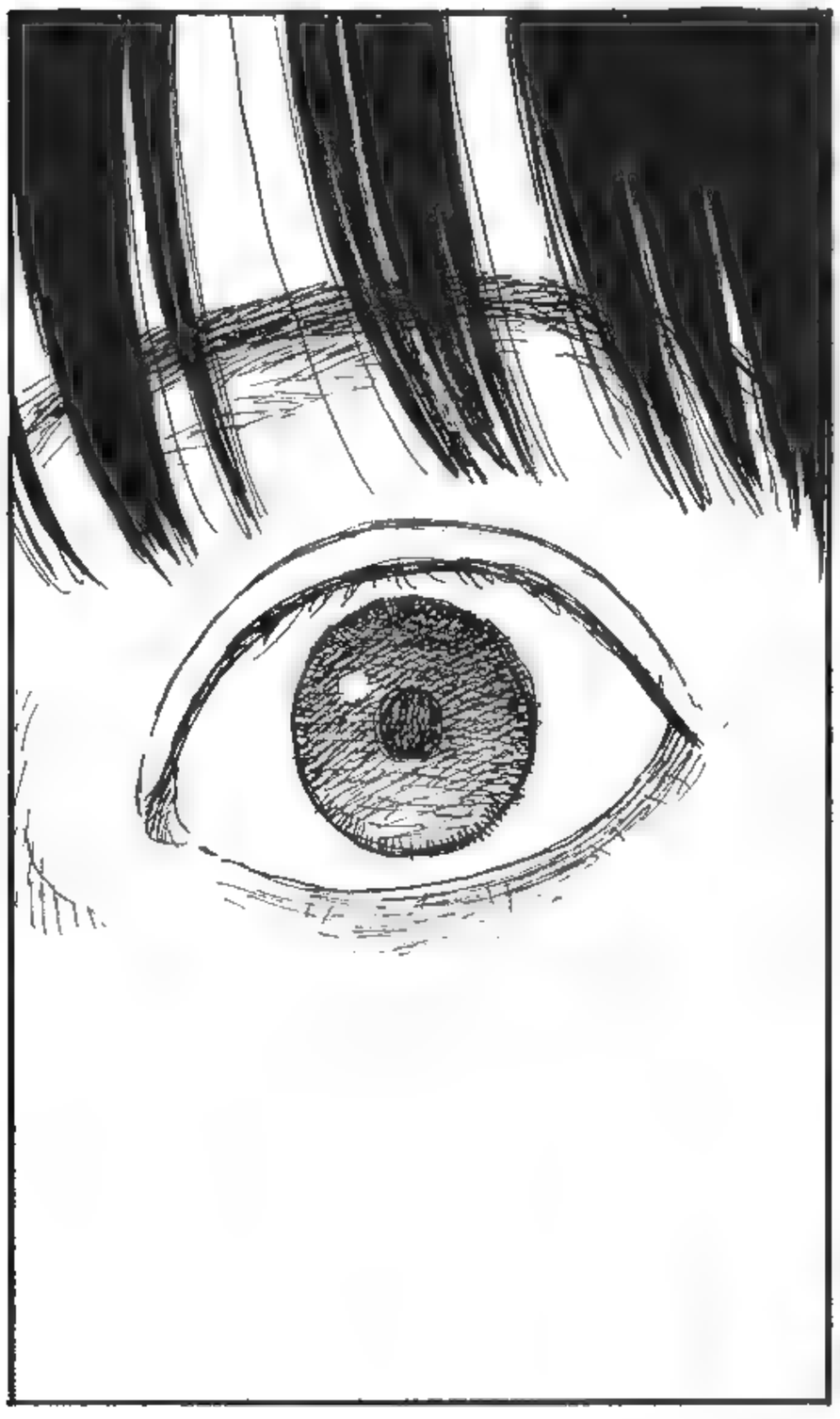
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SEI.

HEY,

DID I DIE FOR?

WHAT

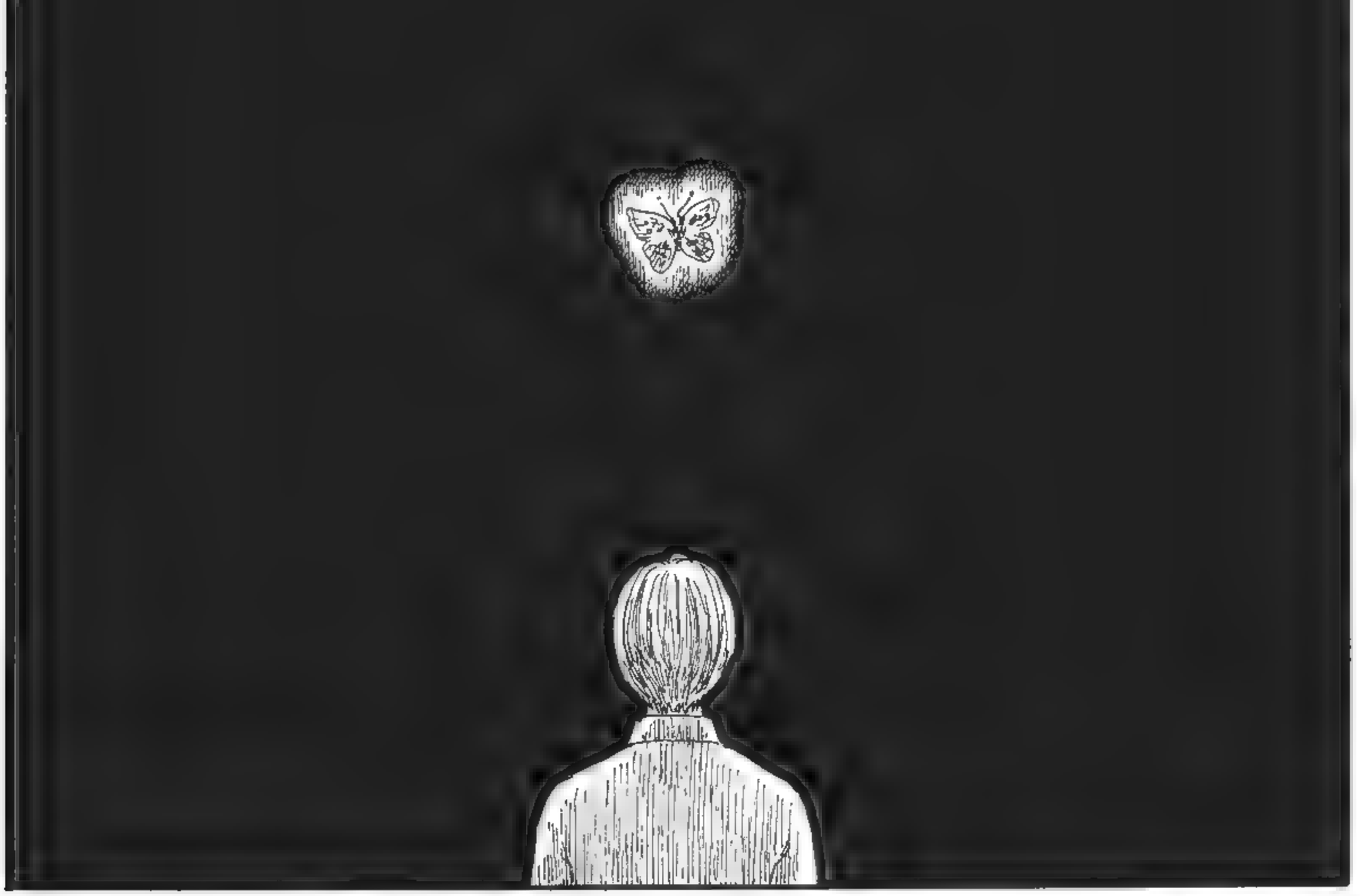
DID I DIE... FOR NO REASON AT ALL?

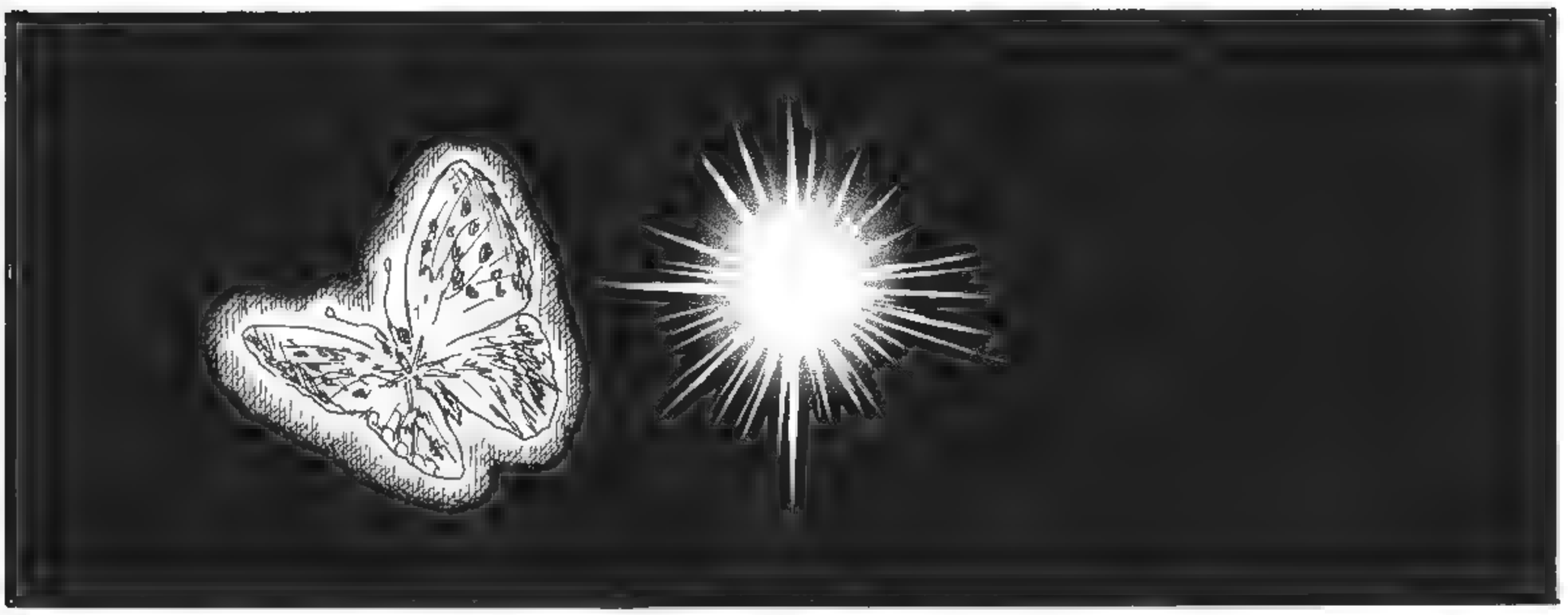
COME ON, TELL ME.

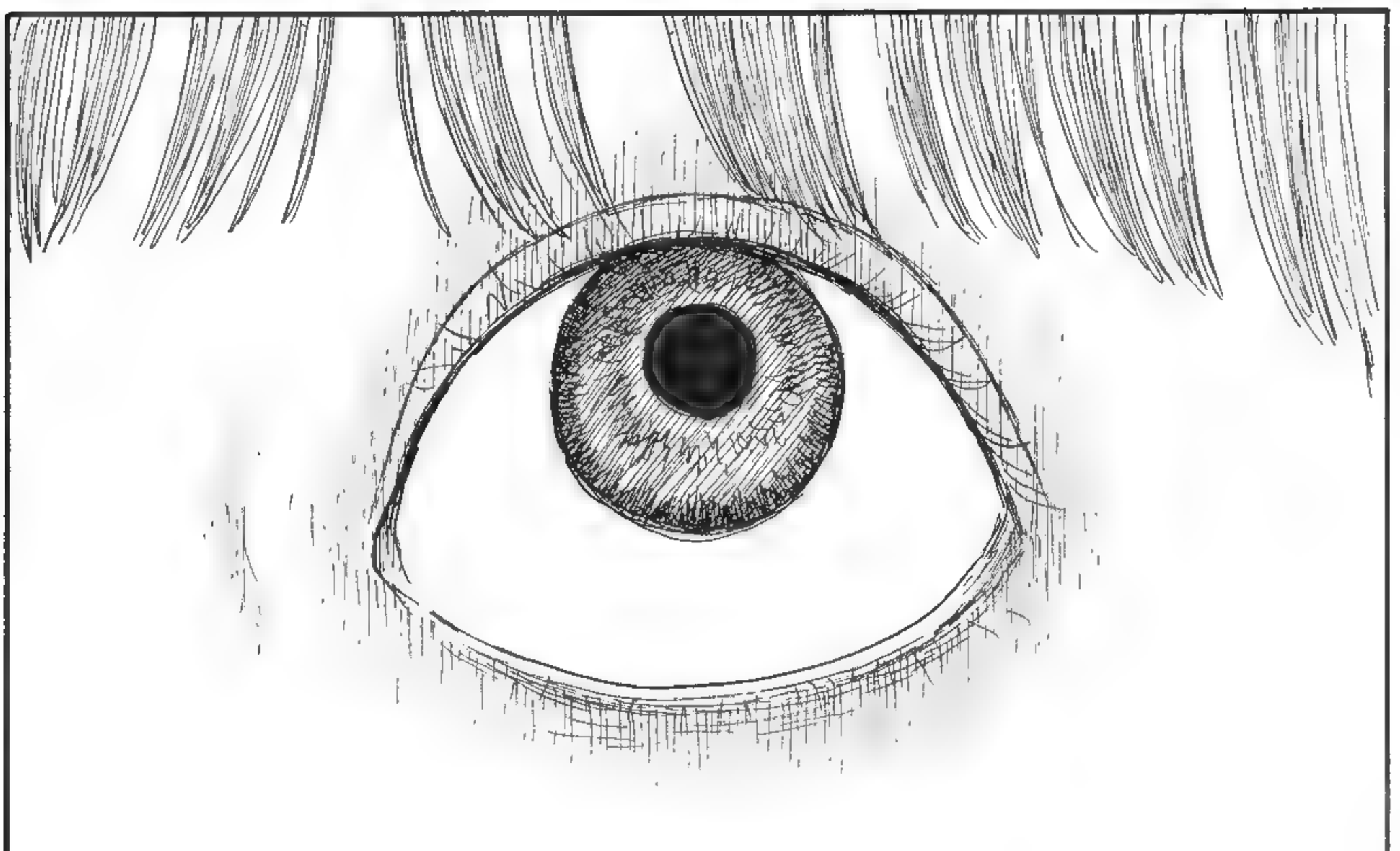
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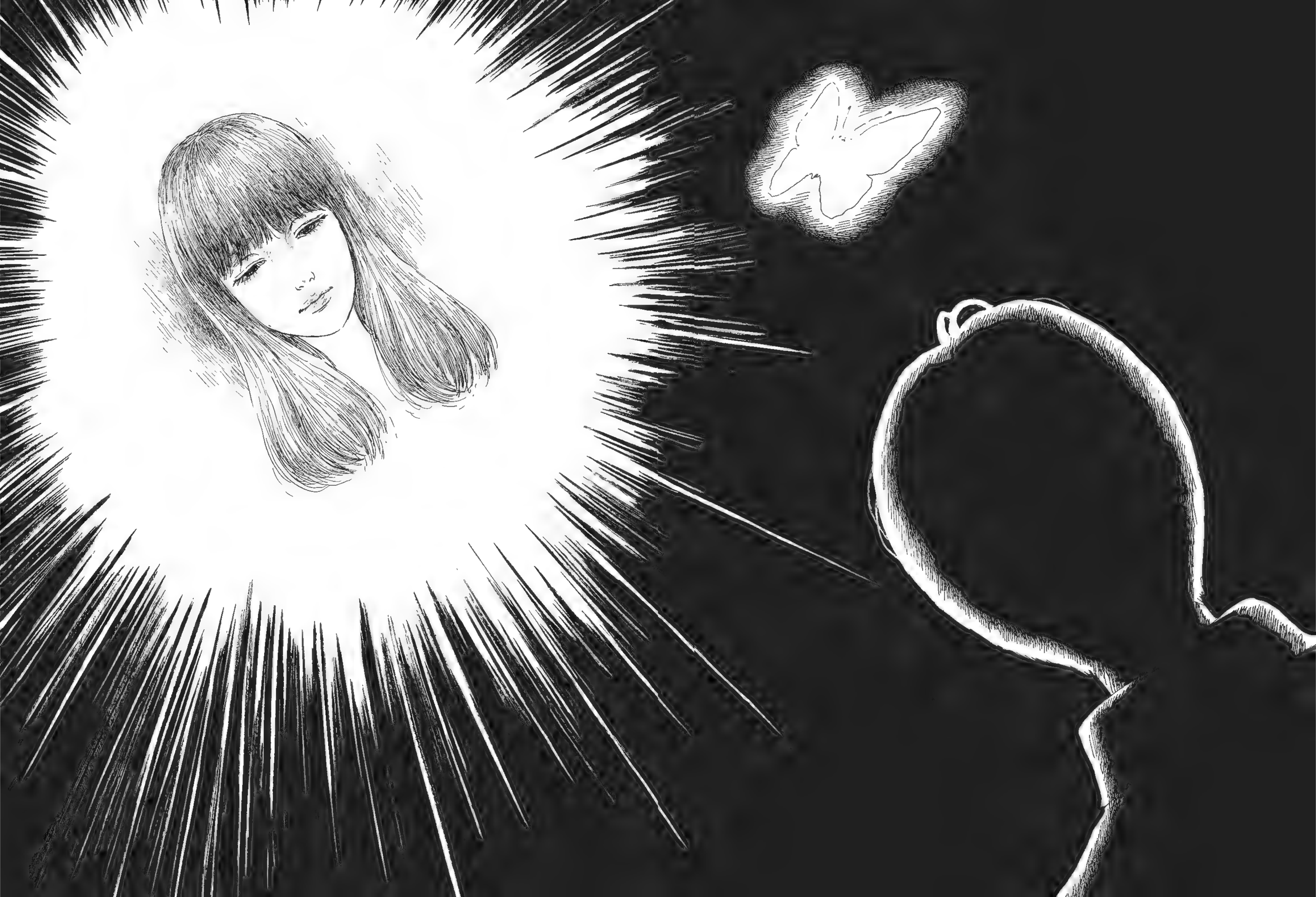






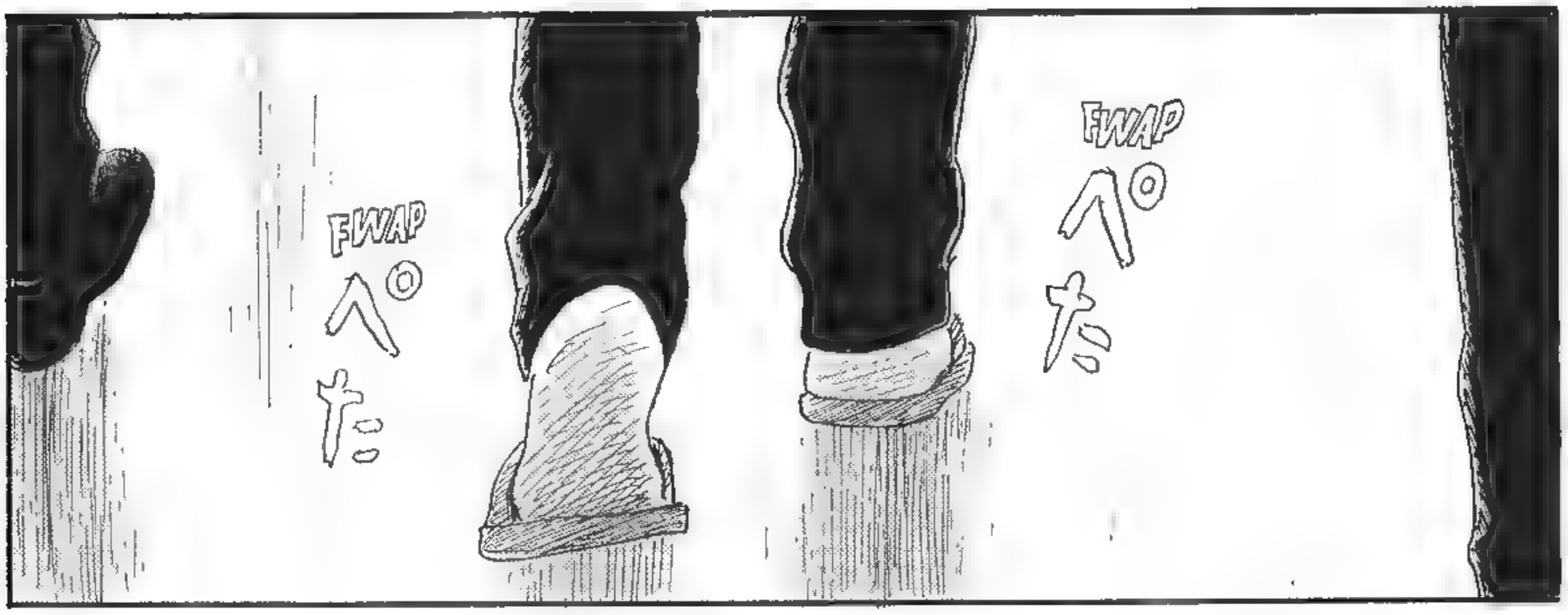






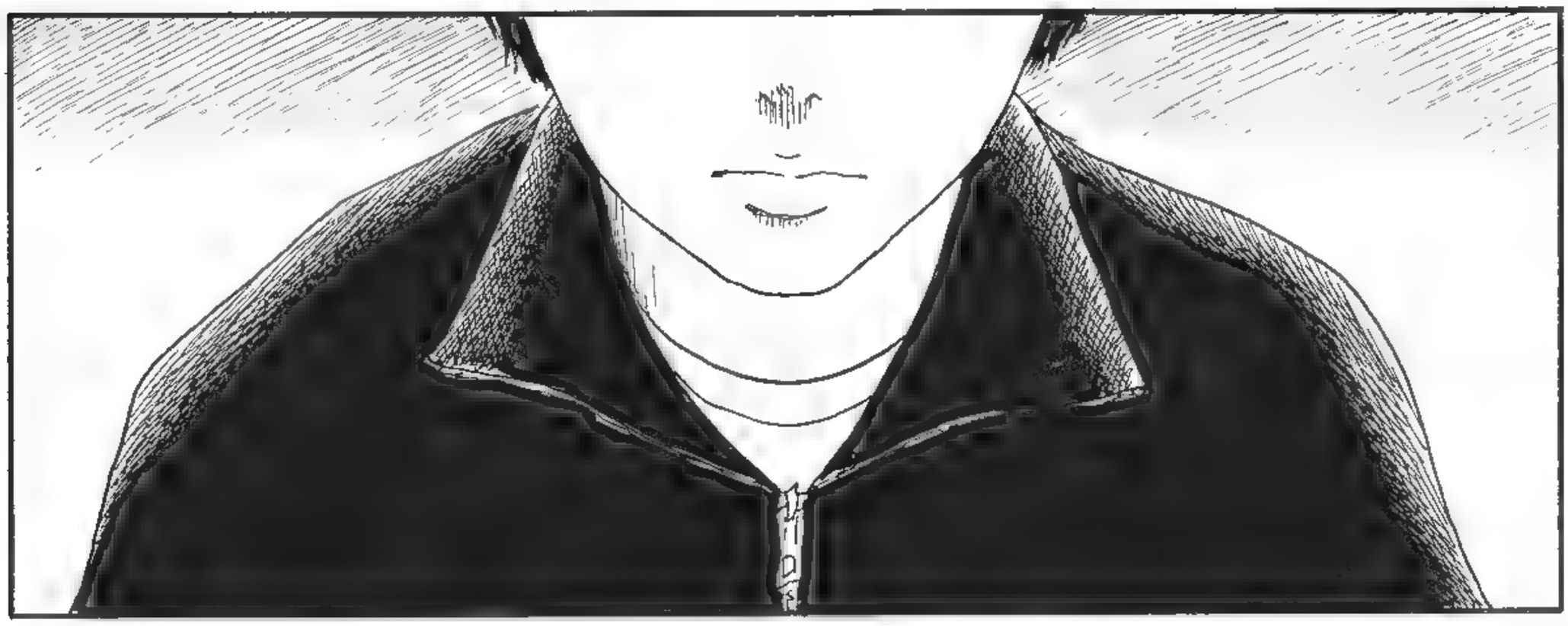

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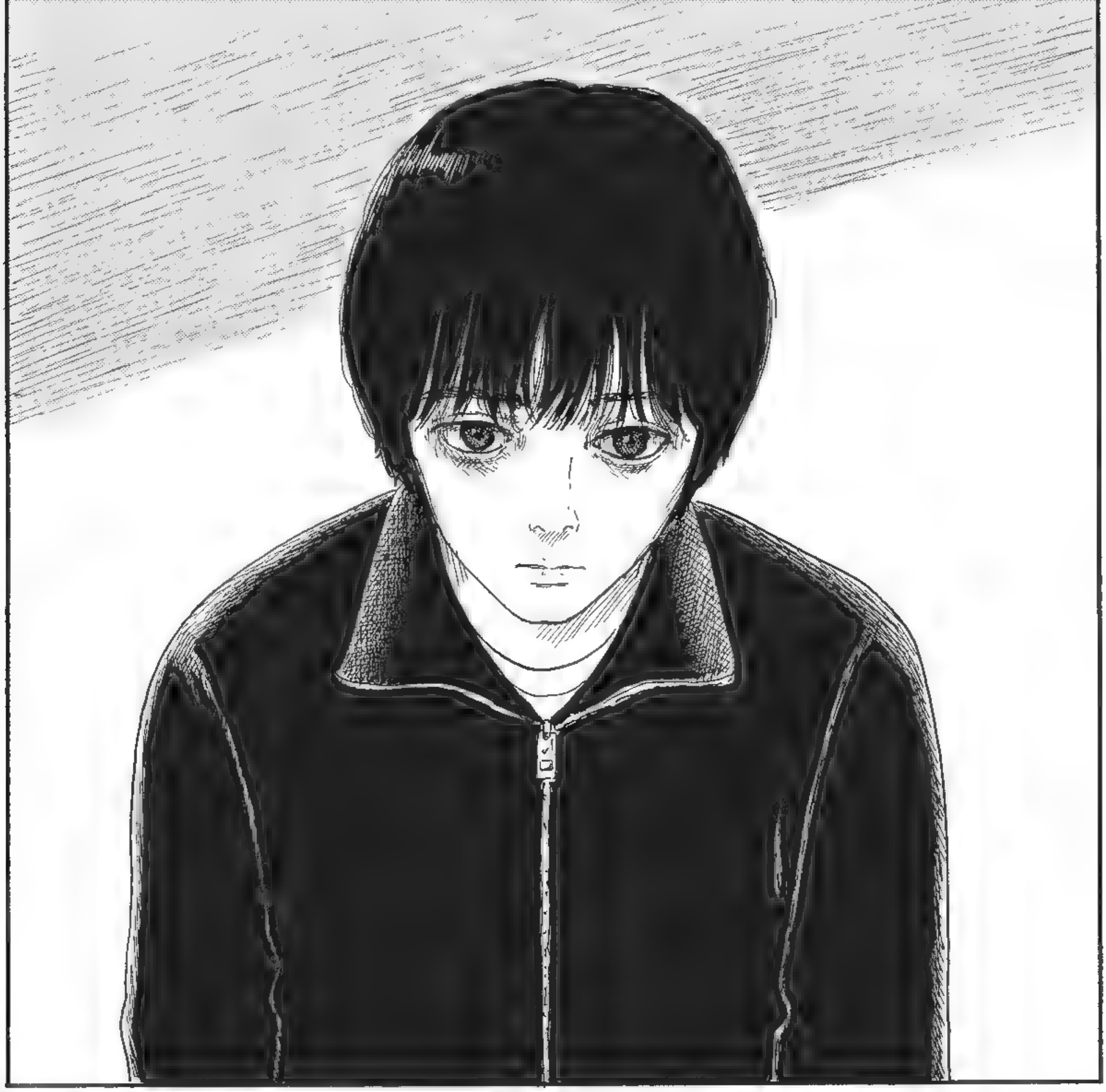
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SEIICHI...






SCRAPE

SLEEPING ?

SEIICHI... ARE YOU OKAY...?

ARE YOU... EATING...?

SEIICHI...

...

HEY, SEIICHI...

LISTEN, I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS.


THIS'LL CHEER YOU UP... OKAY?
I THINK...

YOUR MOMMY...

WELL,

YOUR MOMMY,

SHE'S BACK.

...HUH?

THEY'VE DROPPED THE CASE.

SHE'S OUT.

SHE'S BEEN RELEASED.

SEE? YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

THEY FINALLY SAW THAT MOMMY DIDN'T DO IT.

HOW... COULD...?

WH...

WHY...

THAT YOUR MOTHER DID IT.

THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

IT WAS MOSTLY HIS MOTHER'S SPECULATION...

AS FAR AS SHIGERU'S TESTIMONY,

IT SEEMS HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY SAY MUCH HIMSELF.

SEIICHI?

...ISN'T THAT GREAT,

SAW MOMMY.

I...

SHE SEEMED GOOD.

SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

WORRIED... ABOUT ME...?

...

WHAT DID... SHE SAY...?

LIKE... HOW...?

WELL...

SHE ASKED,

"HOW'S SEIICHI DOING?"

I TOLD HER, "YOU KNOW...

HE'S DOING HIS BEST."

BUT SHE'LL BE HERE... SHE WILL.

SHE... COULDN'T COME TODAY,

...WHY...

COULDN'T SHE COME TODAY...?

WHERE IS SHE RIGHT NOW?

IS SHE REALLY GONNA COME?

IT'S... NOISY AT THE HOUSE.

WITH THE TV FOLKS AND ALL...

...SHE'S... AT A HOTEL RIGHT NOW.

THERE'S A LOT TO DEAL WITH.

SHE JUST GOT OUT...

YOU WANT TO SEE HER.

I KNOW...

SHE'LL COME... SO...

AND YOU WILL... SOON...

OKAY, SEIICHI?

SO... HANG IN THERE.

LET'S ALL HANG IN THERE...

Mommy's coming.

Mommy's coming to see me.

Mommy's


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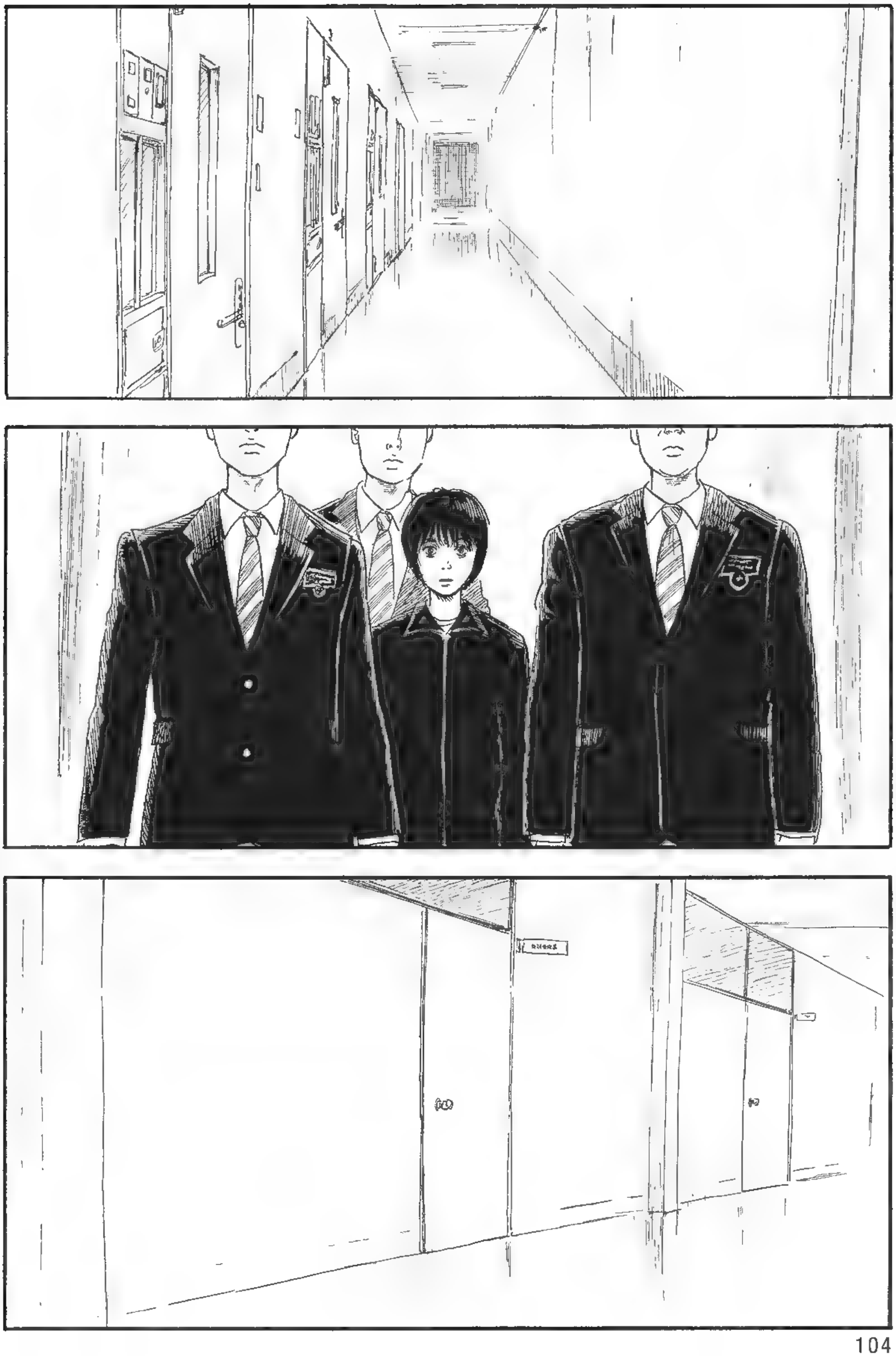


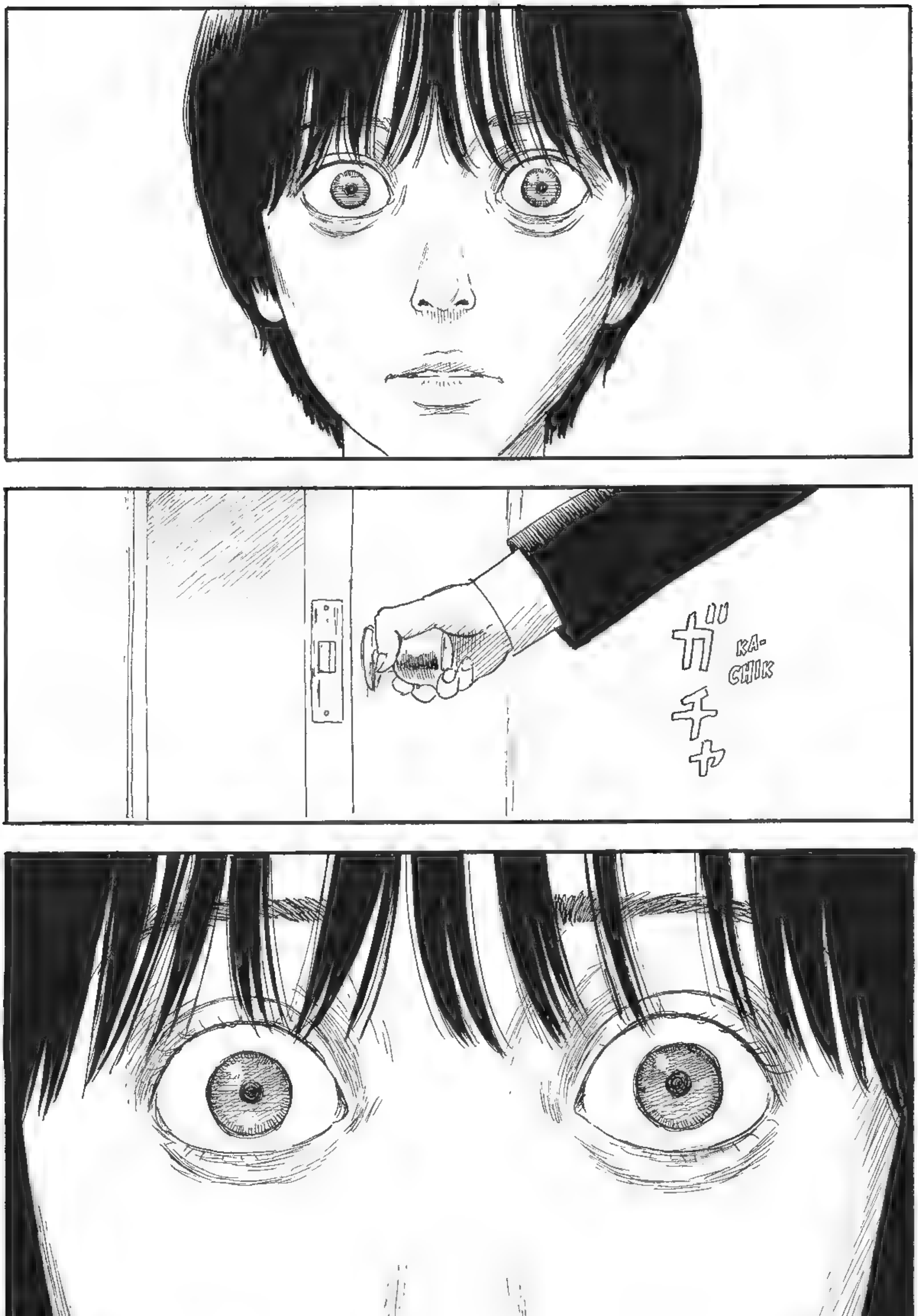
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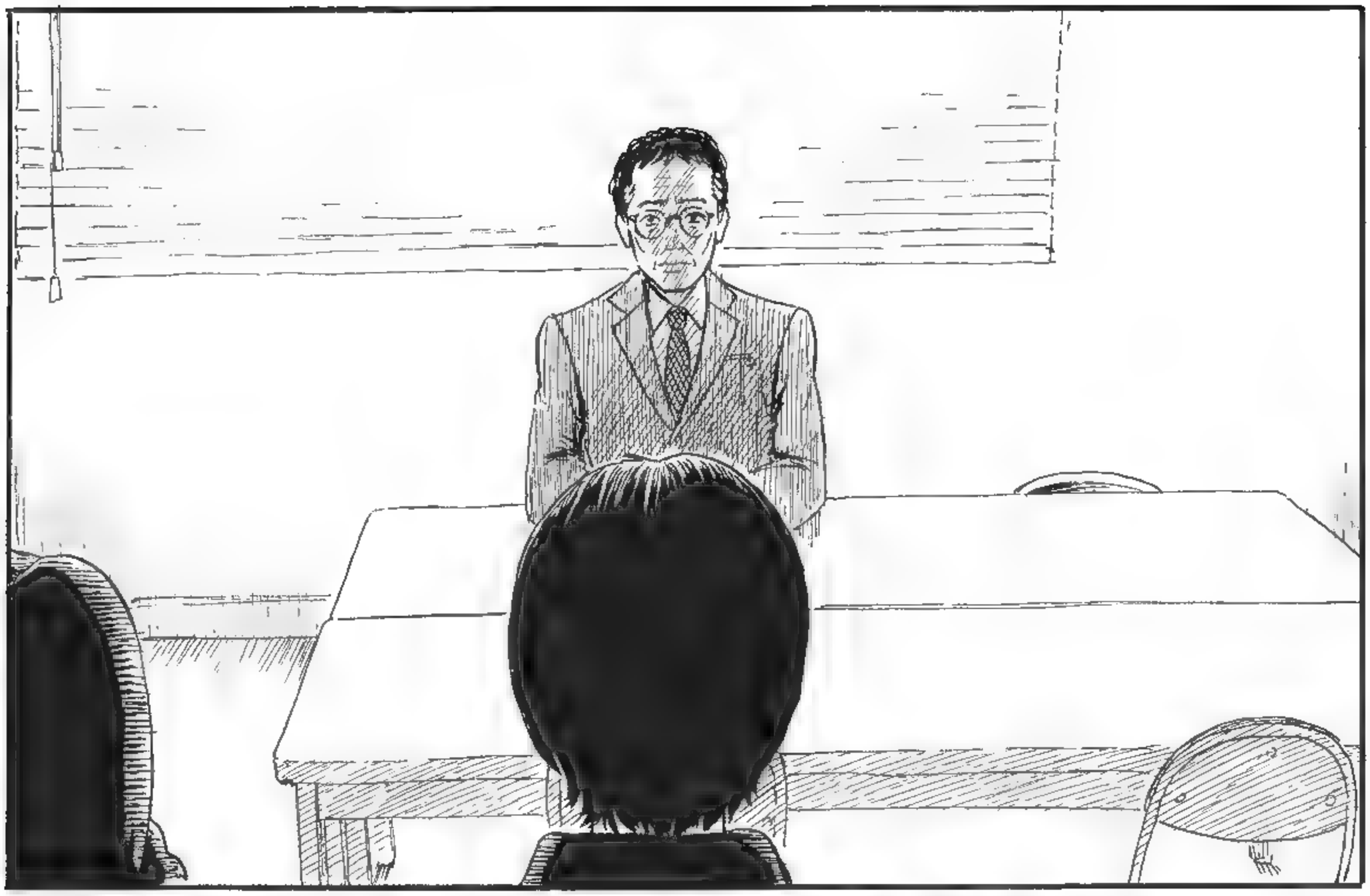
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YOU HAVE A VISITOR.




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...SORRY, SEIICHI.

LOOKS LIKE MOMMY COULDN'T COME TODAY EITHER.

...WHY NOT?

FOR... A WEEK... ALREADY.

M- MOMMY'S... BEEN OUT

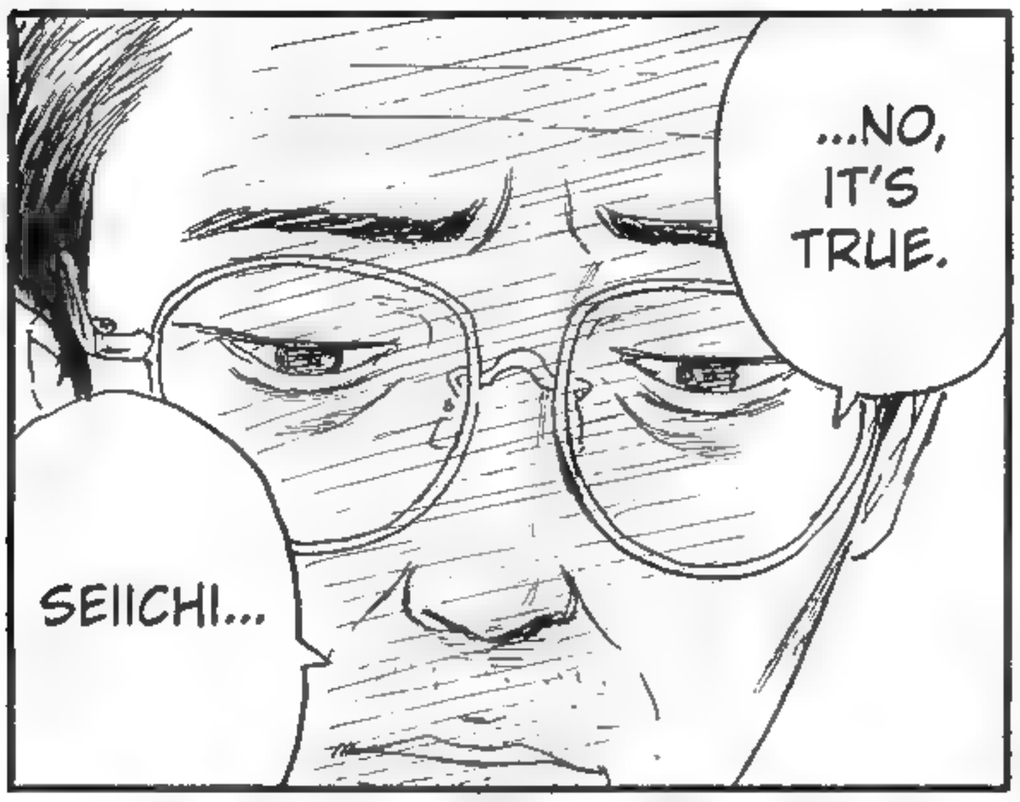
SO... I GUESS SHE NEEDS A LITTLE TIME TO GET READY TO SEE YOU...

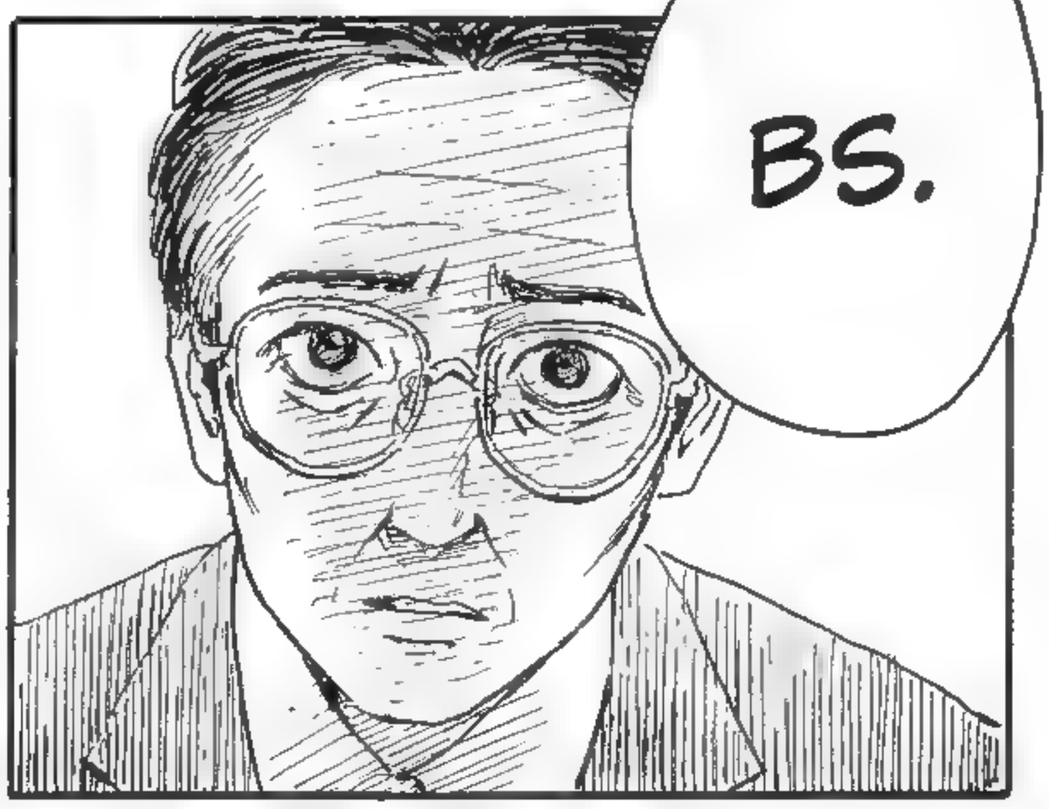
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT... I THINK SHE'S HAD A REAL SHOCK...

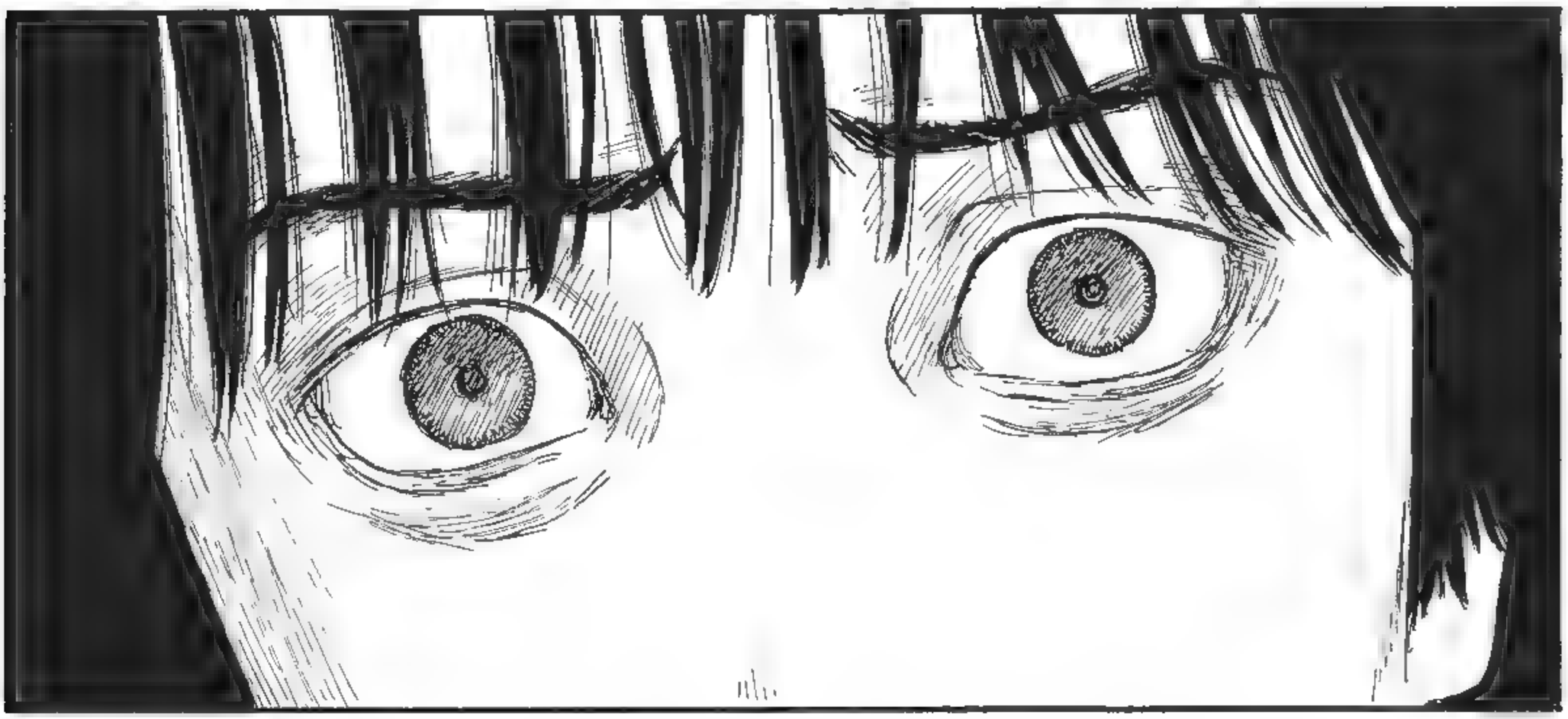
BUT MOMMY'S...

GOING TO COME, OKAY...?

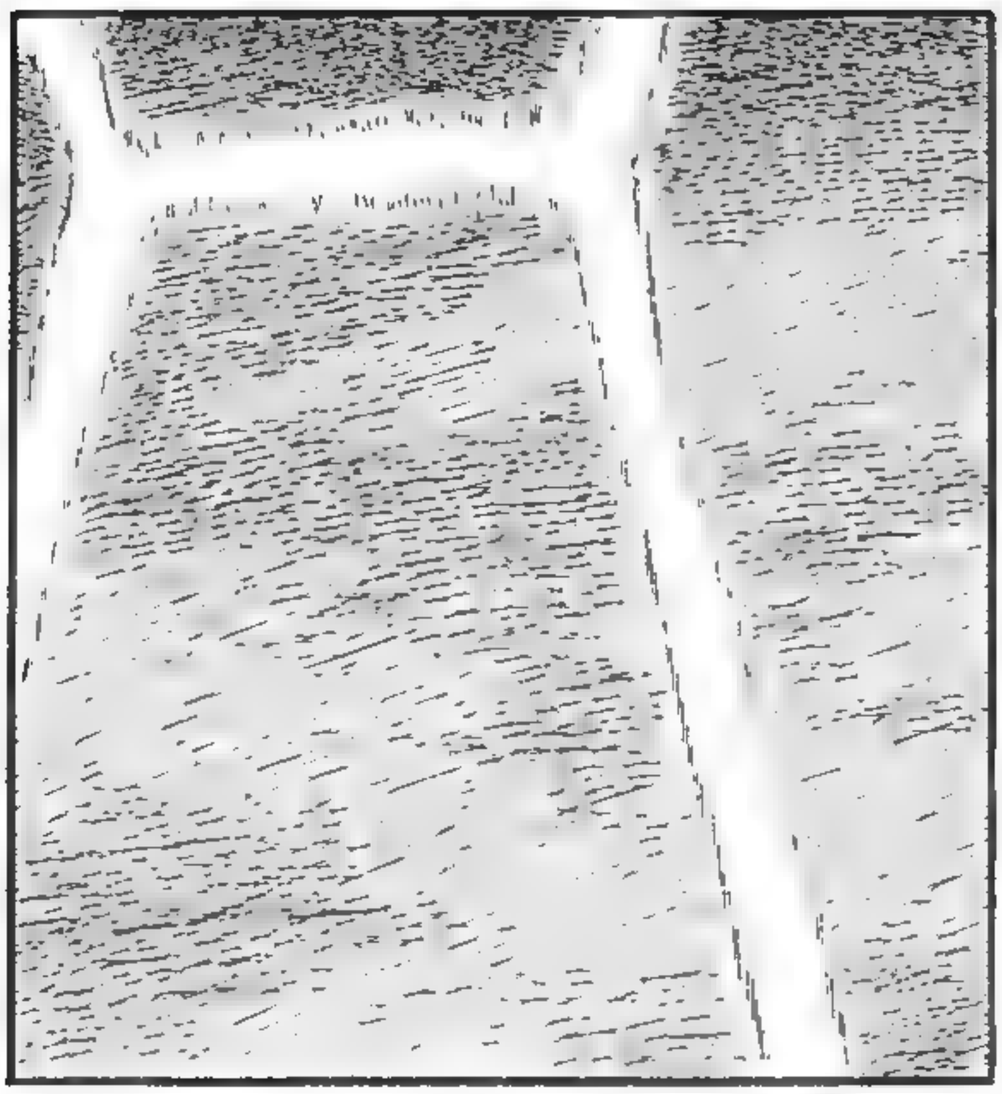


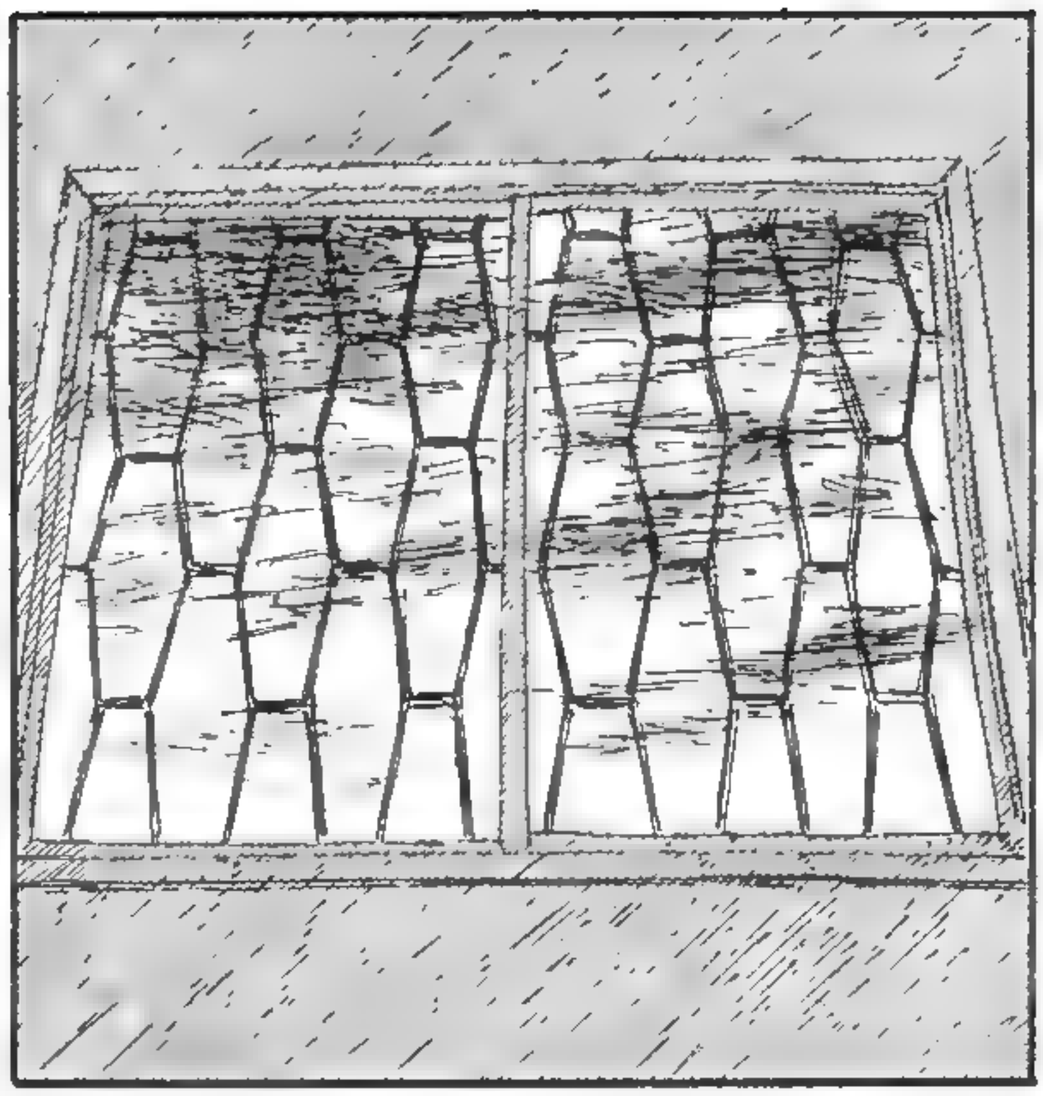

...NO, IT'S TRUE.
SEIICHI...


BS.




MOMMY'S... GOING TO COME.









She didn't come

today either.

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GOOD MORNING...

GOOD MORNING!

Will she

come today?

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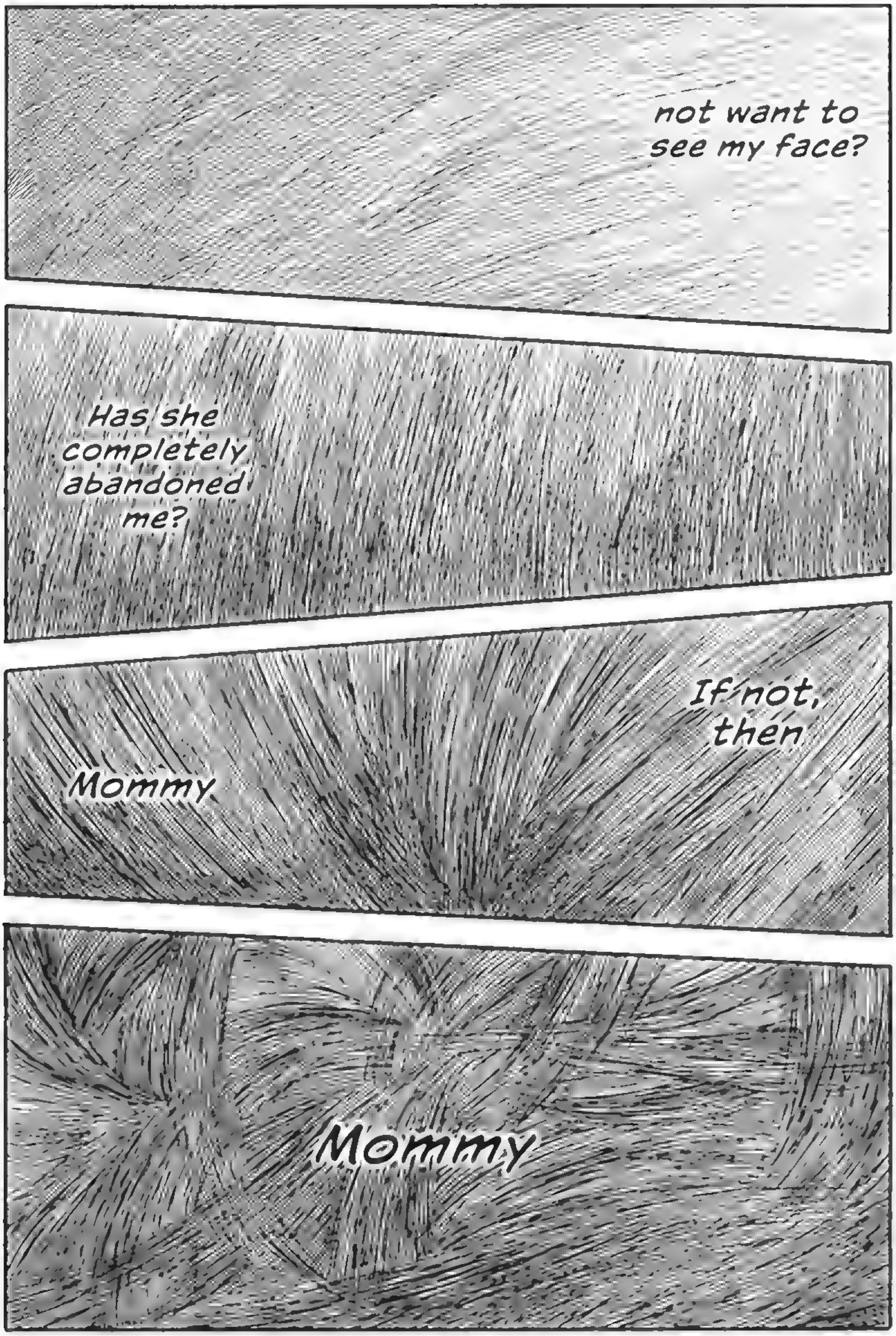
THE INVESTI-GATOR WANTS TO SEE YOU.


Another day
going by.

Another day

ending.

Does Mommy


not want to see my face?
Has she completely abandoned me?
If not, then
Mommy
Mommy

YOUR HEARING'S COMING UP.

SEIICHI.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU FROM HERE ON OUT.

IT'S GOING TO DECIDE

YOUR MOTHER

WILL BE THERE, TOO.

...NO, SHE WON'T.

SHE SAID SHE'D BE THERE...

AT THE HEARING.

...YES, SHE WILL.

THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GO HOME INSTEAD OF TO AN INSTITUTION.

OKAY?

MAKE SURE YOU EXPRESS YOUR REMORSE.

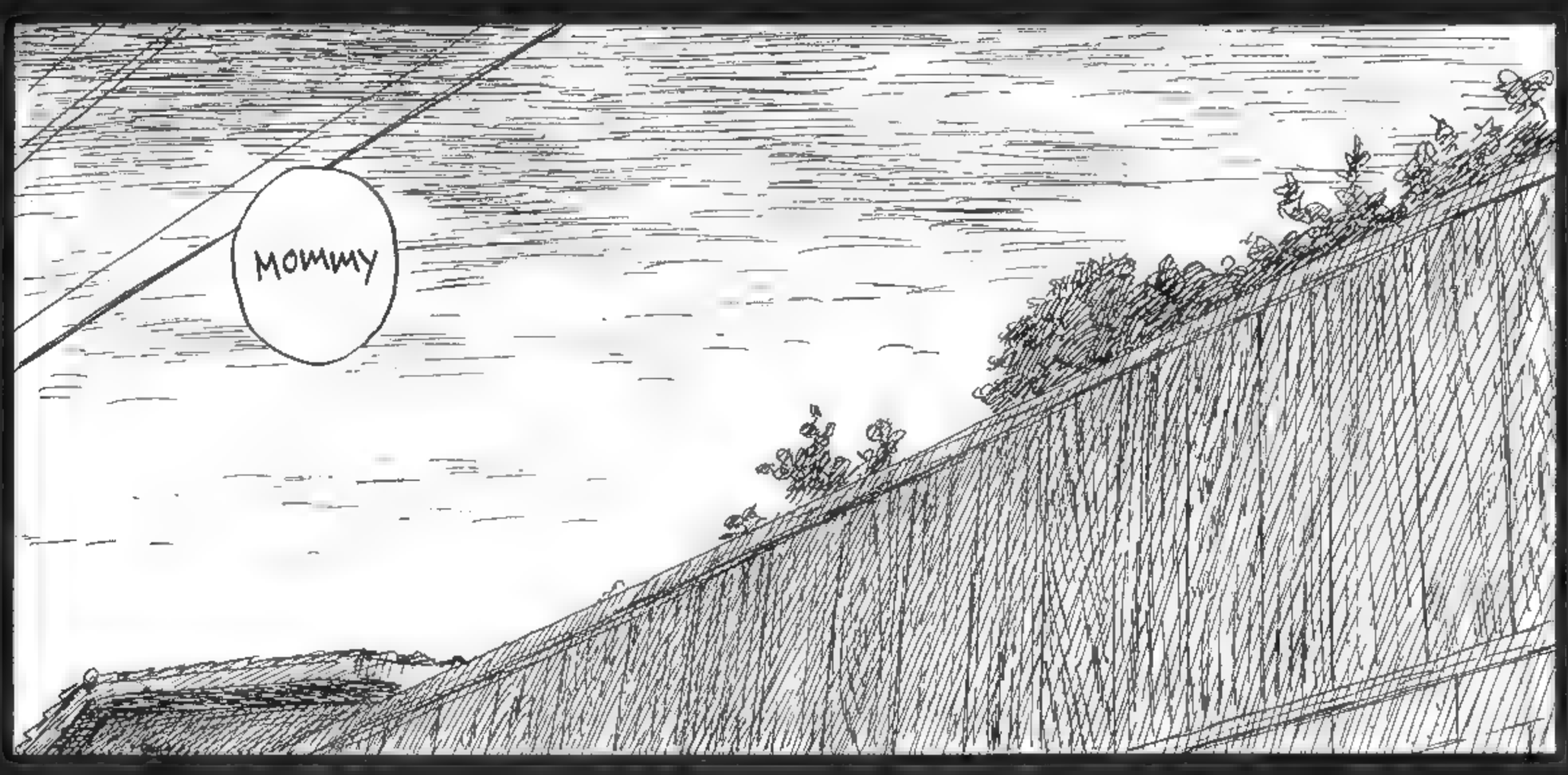
FOR SHIGERU'S PASSING.

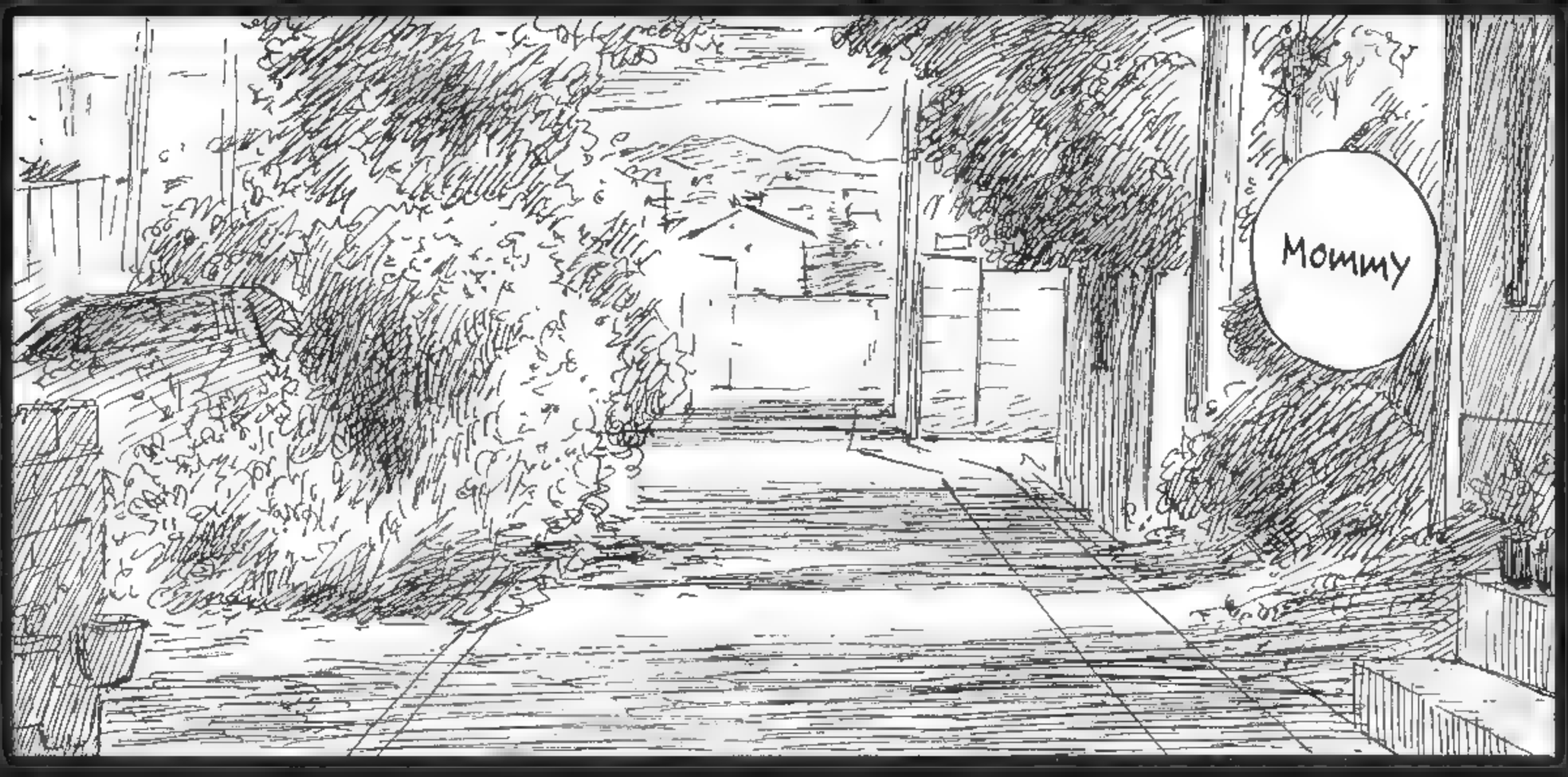
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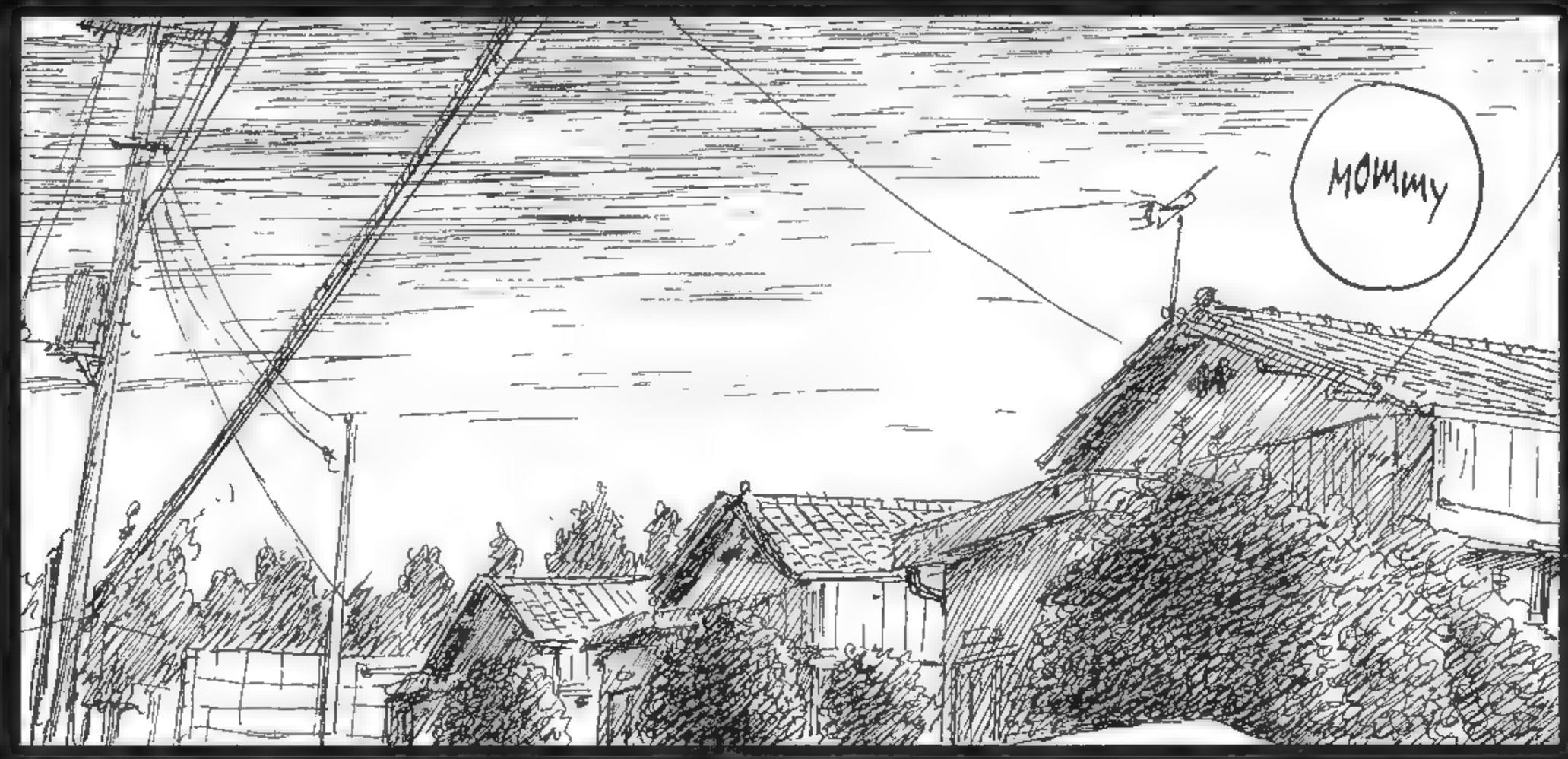
...GO...

WHERE'S HOME?


I DON'T
HAVE ONE ANYMORE.


MOMMY


Mommy

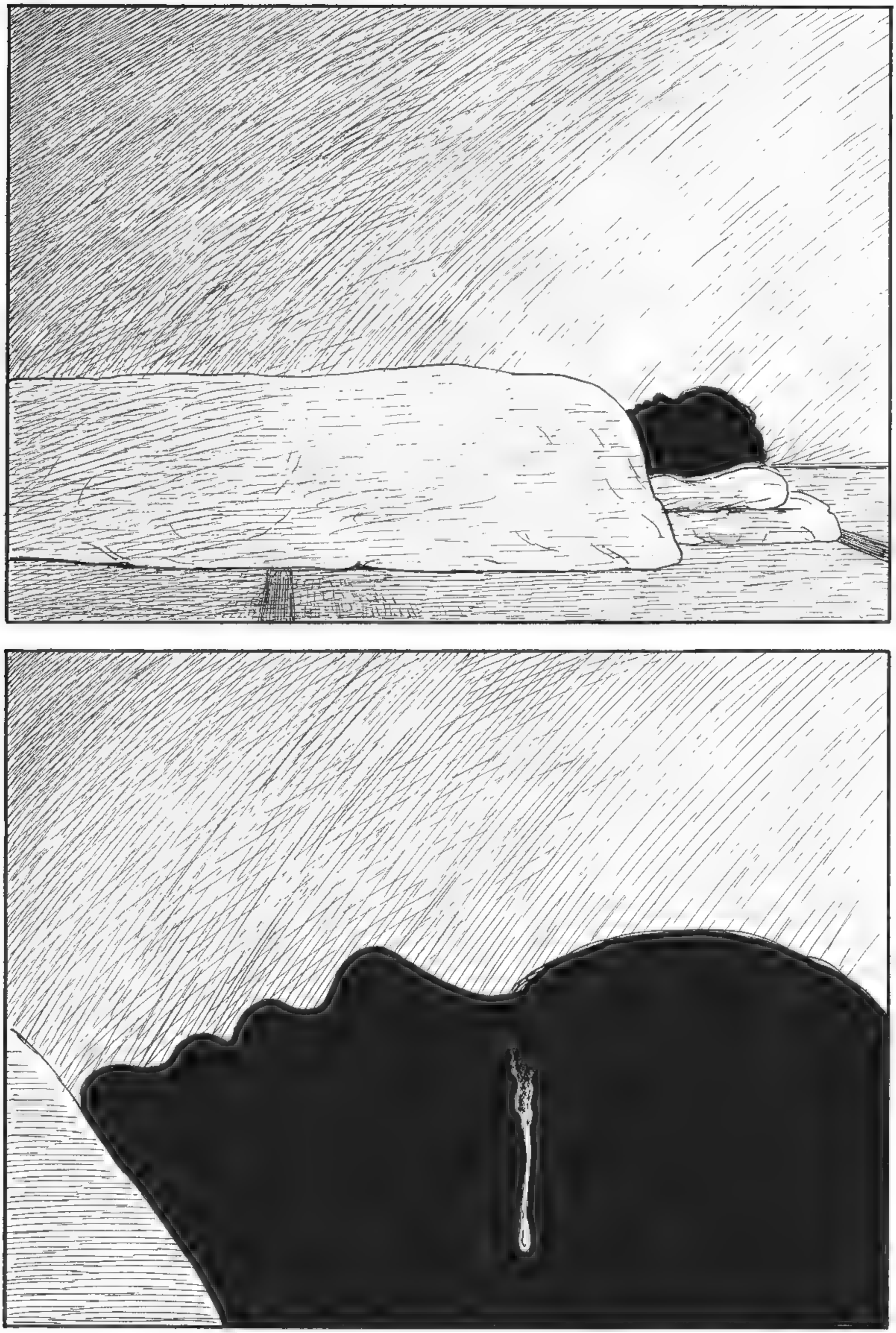

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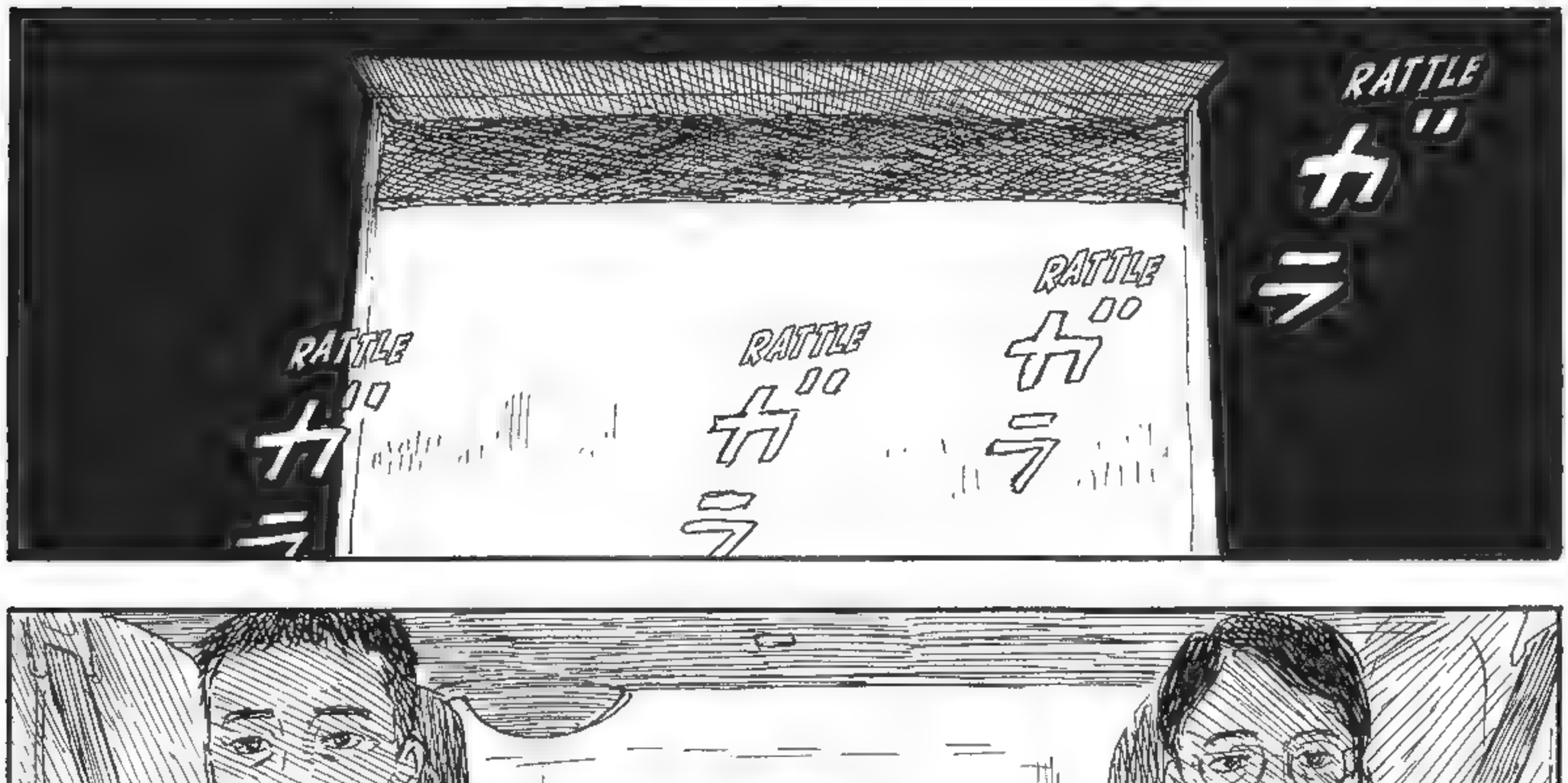
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TODAY'S YOUR HEARING.

SHALL WE?

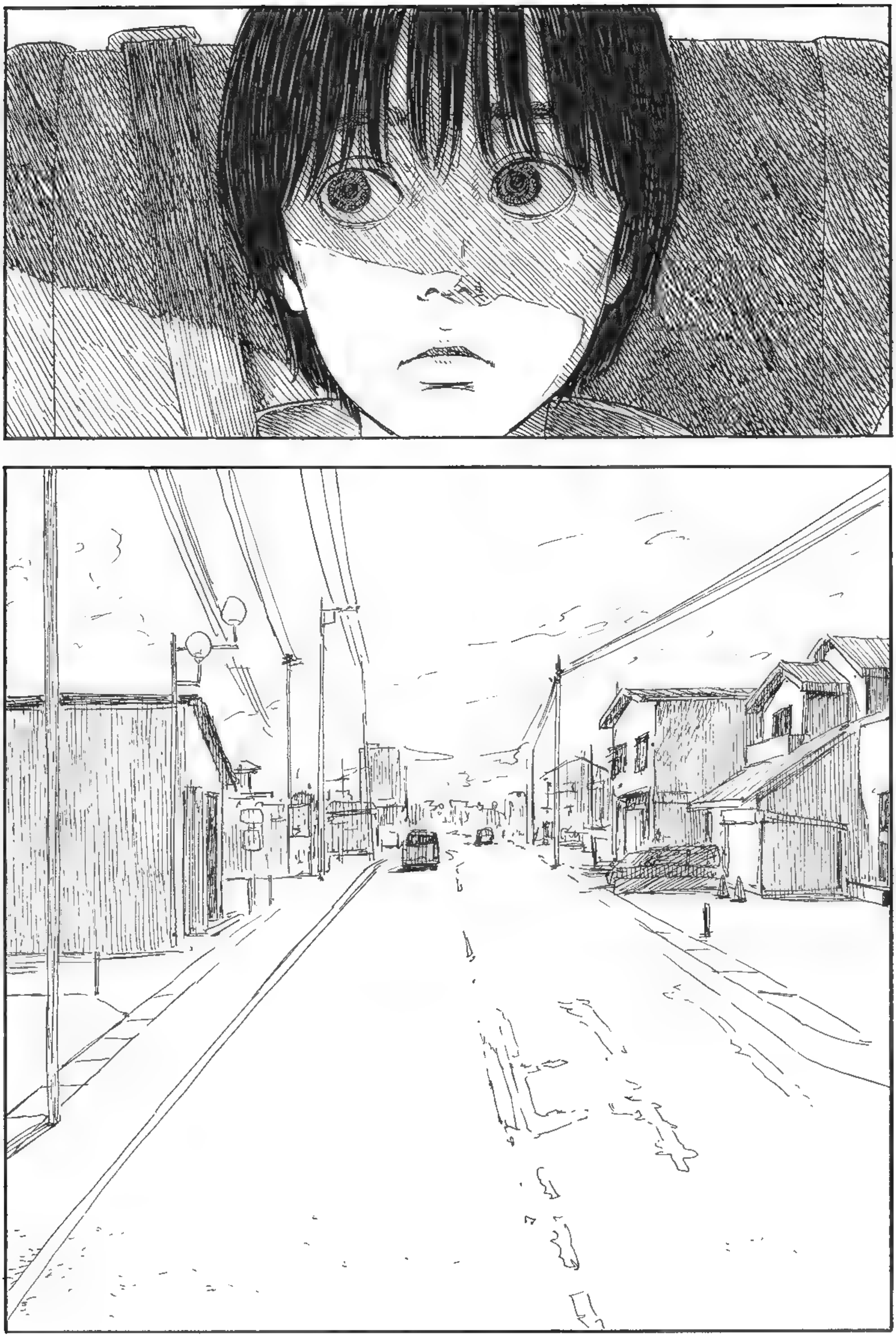
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG,

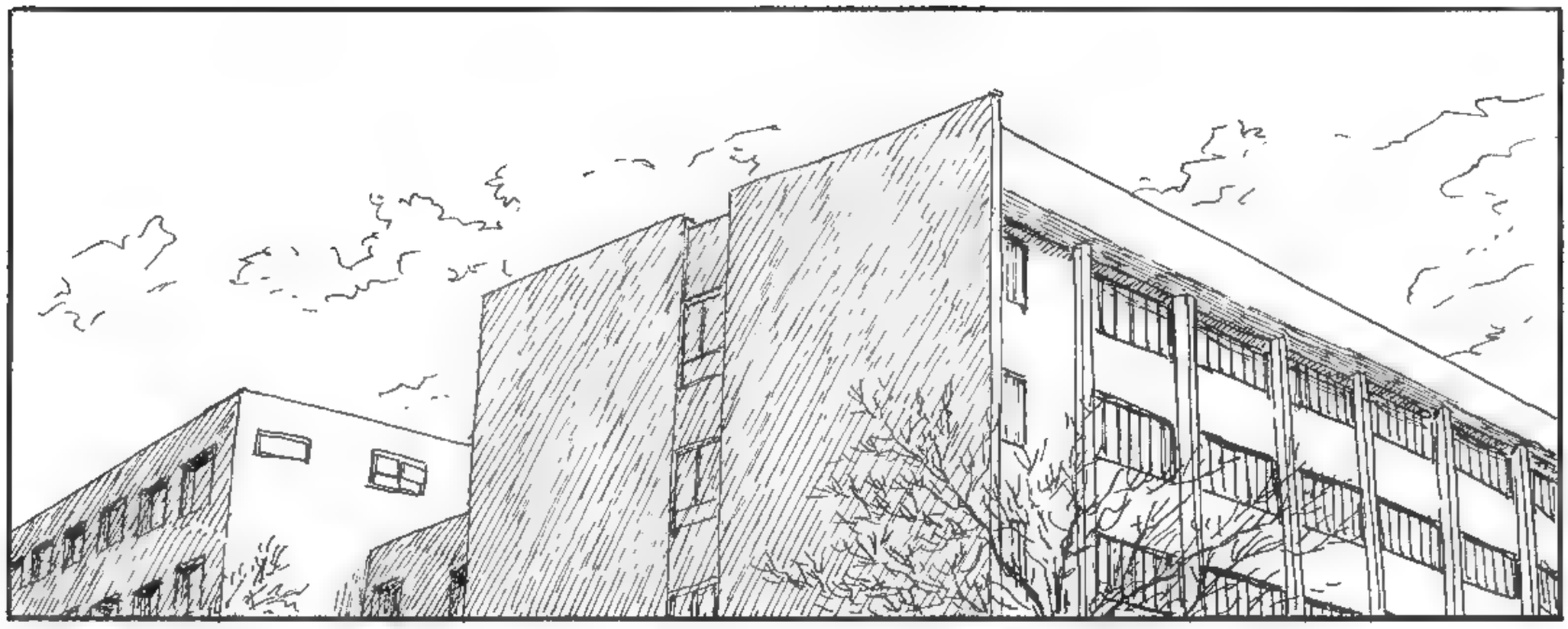
BUT I WISH YOU THE BEST.


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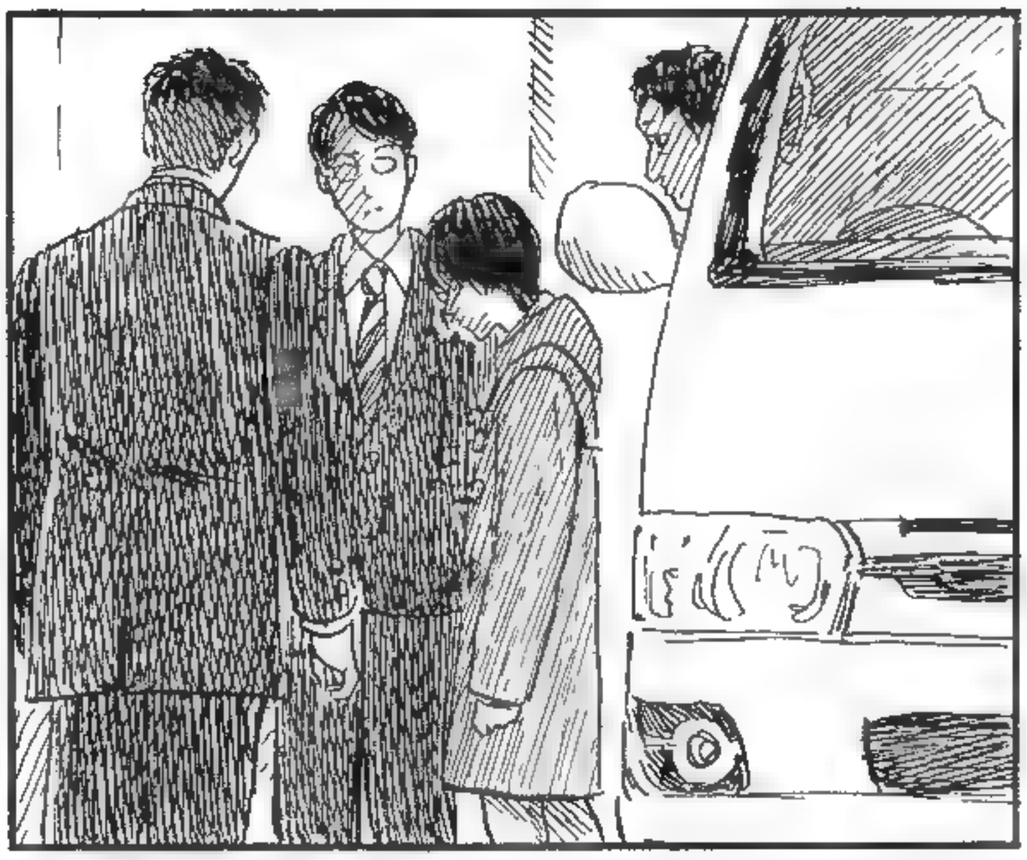


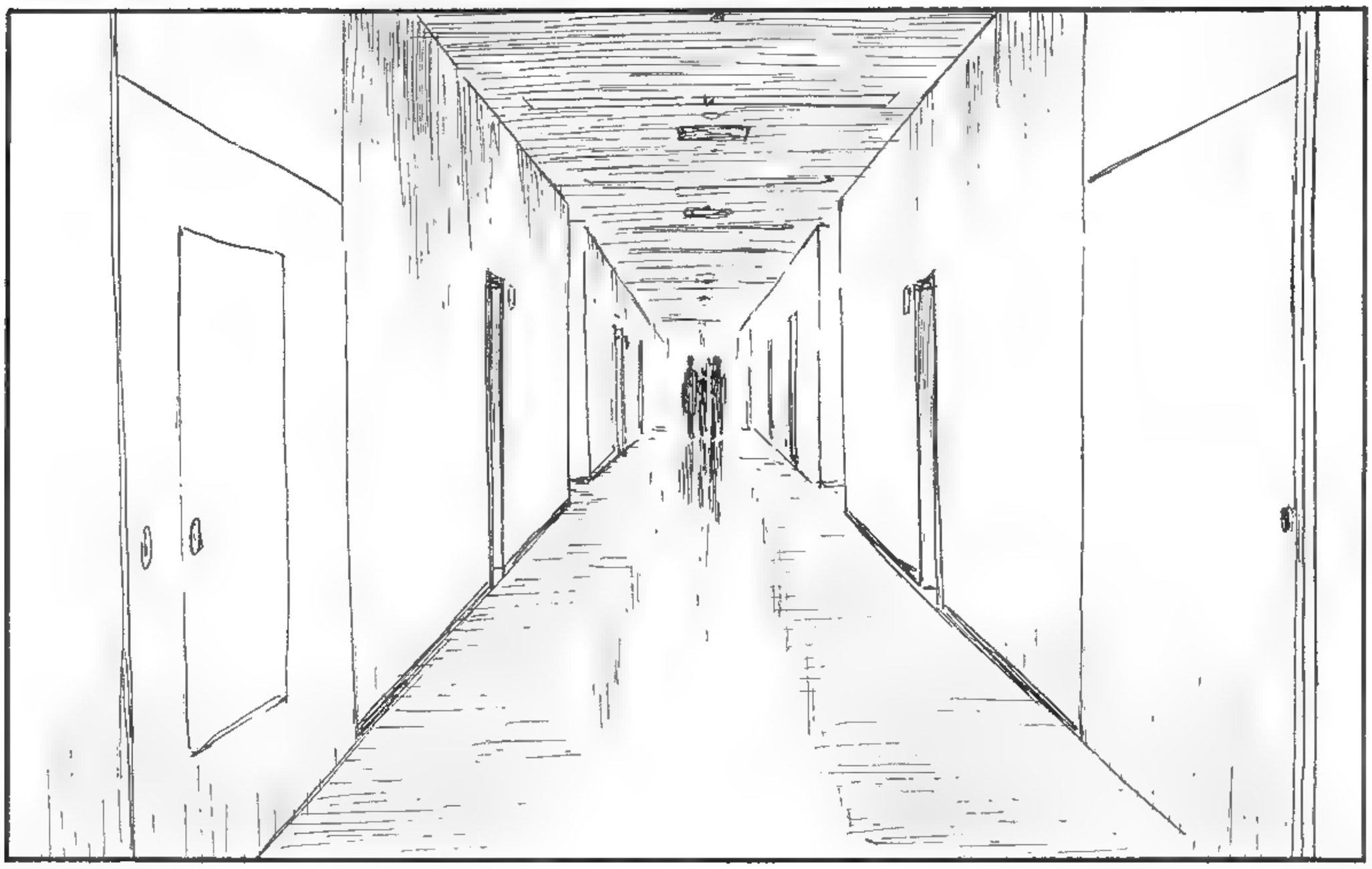












GO ON IN.

COURTROOM



TAKE OFF YOUR COAT,

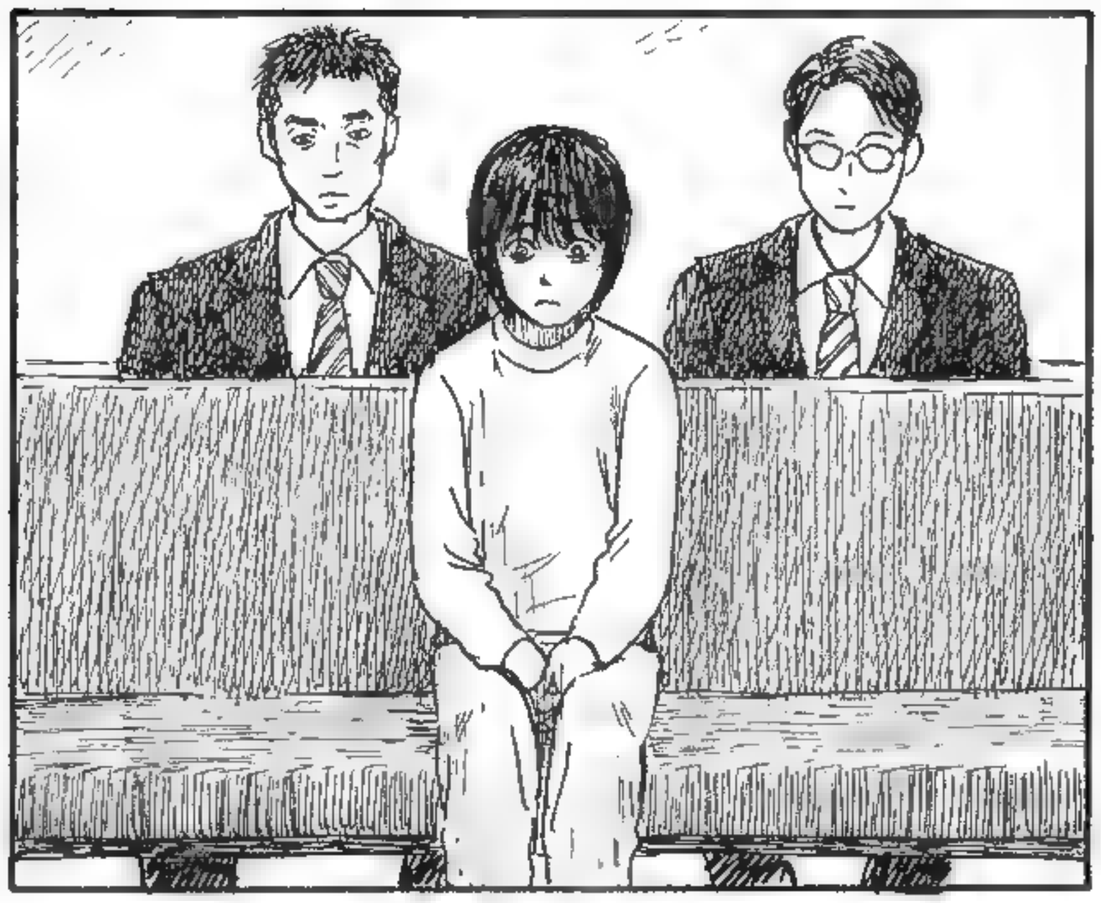
AND SIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BENCH AT THE FRONT.

IT'LL START SOON.

JUST WAIT THERE.

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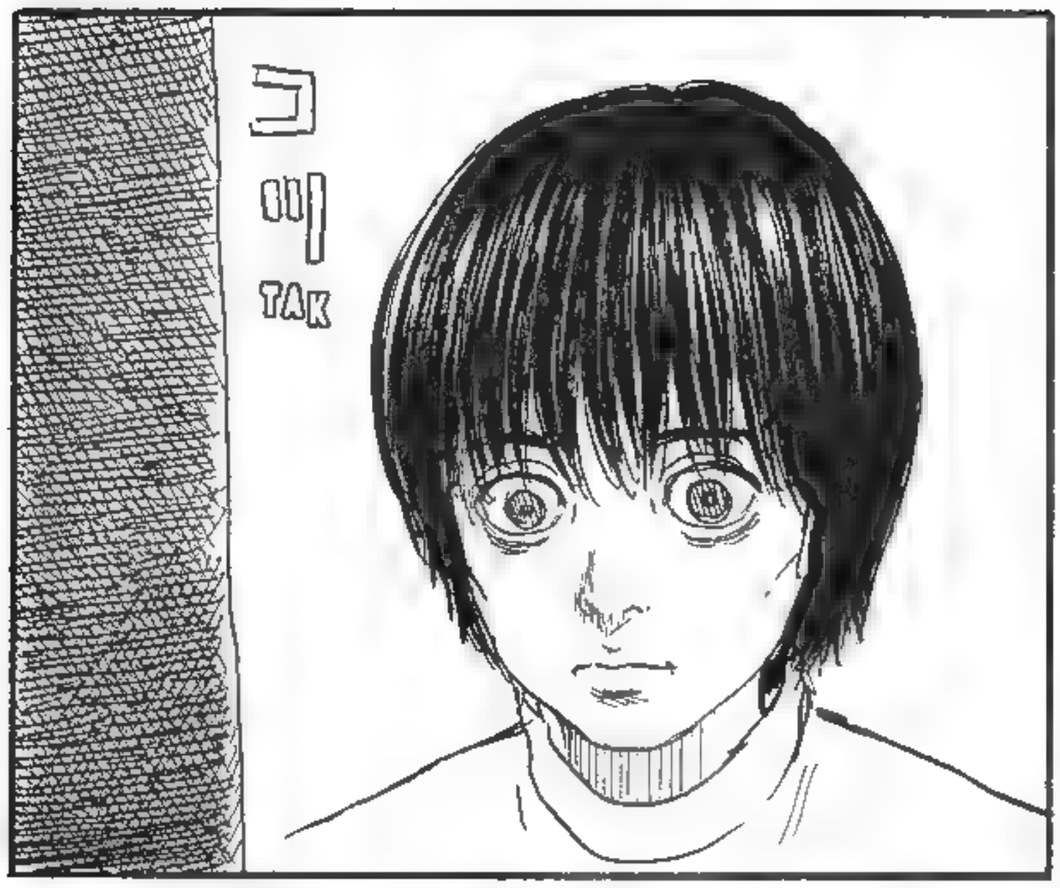
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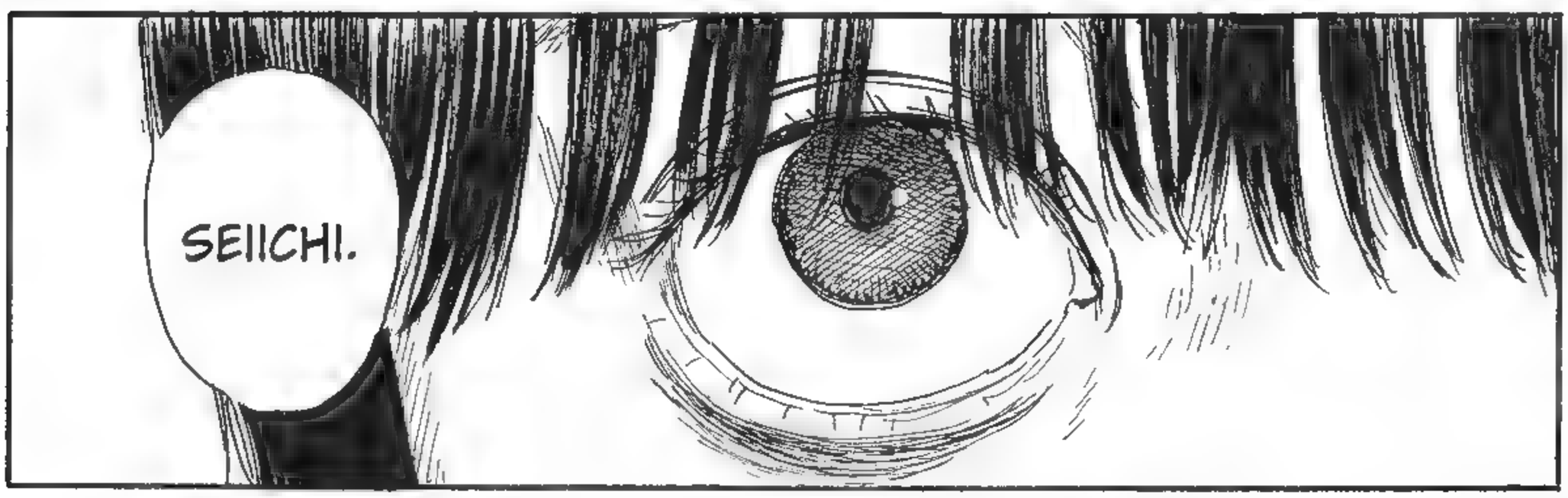
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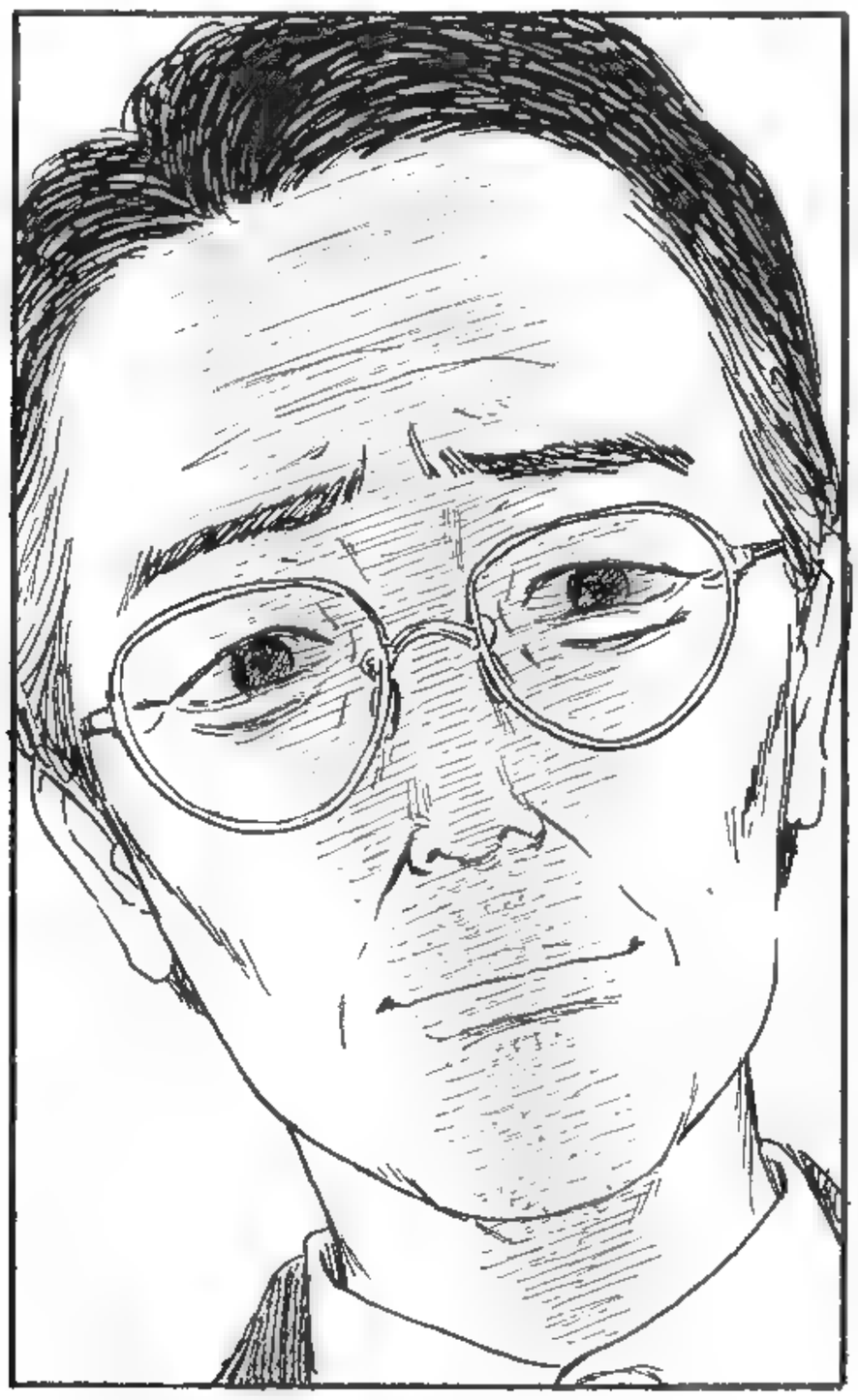
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SEIICHI.




YOU OKAY?

SHE'S HERE.

YOUR MOMMY.

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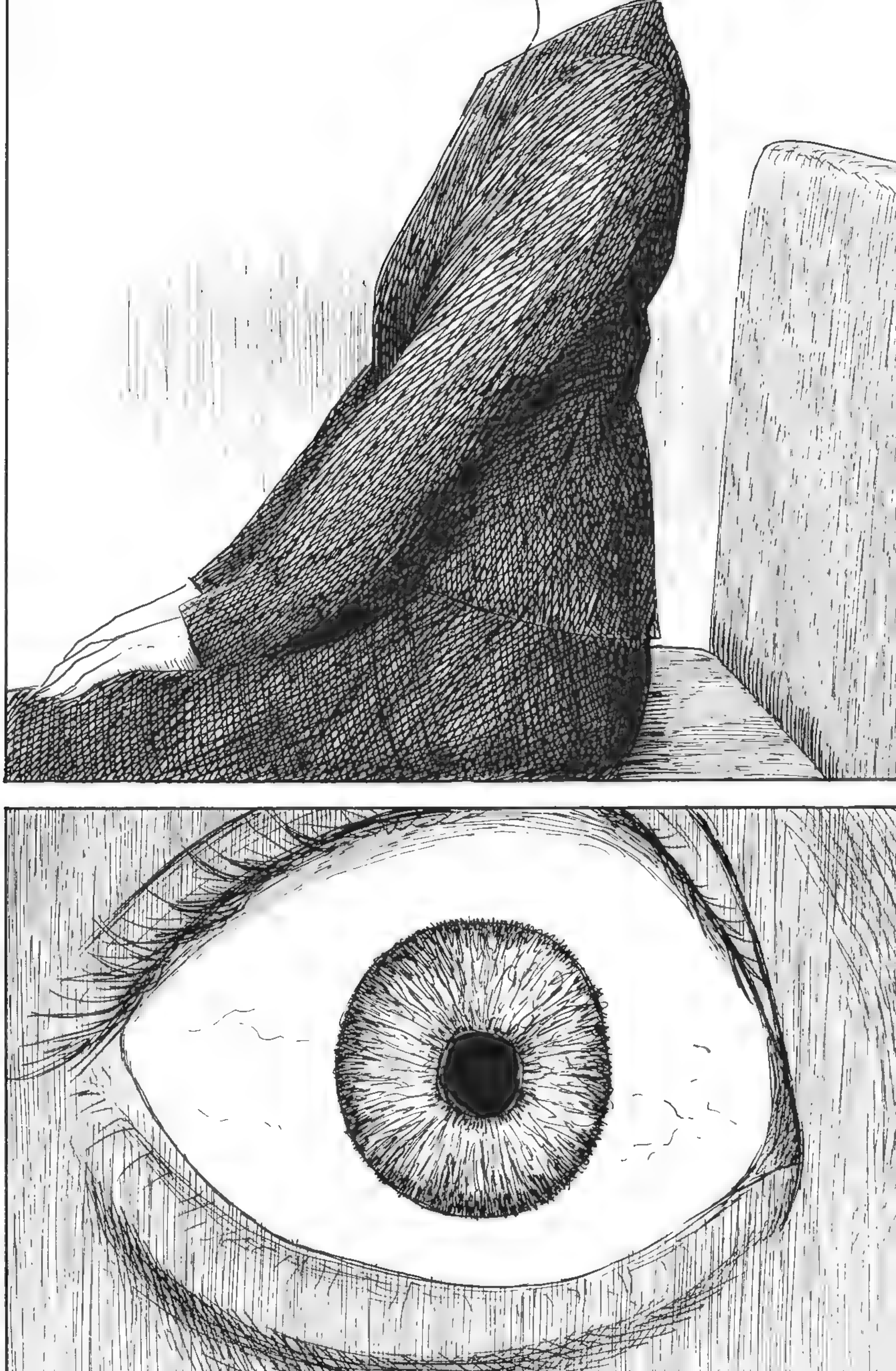
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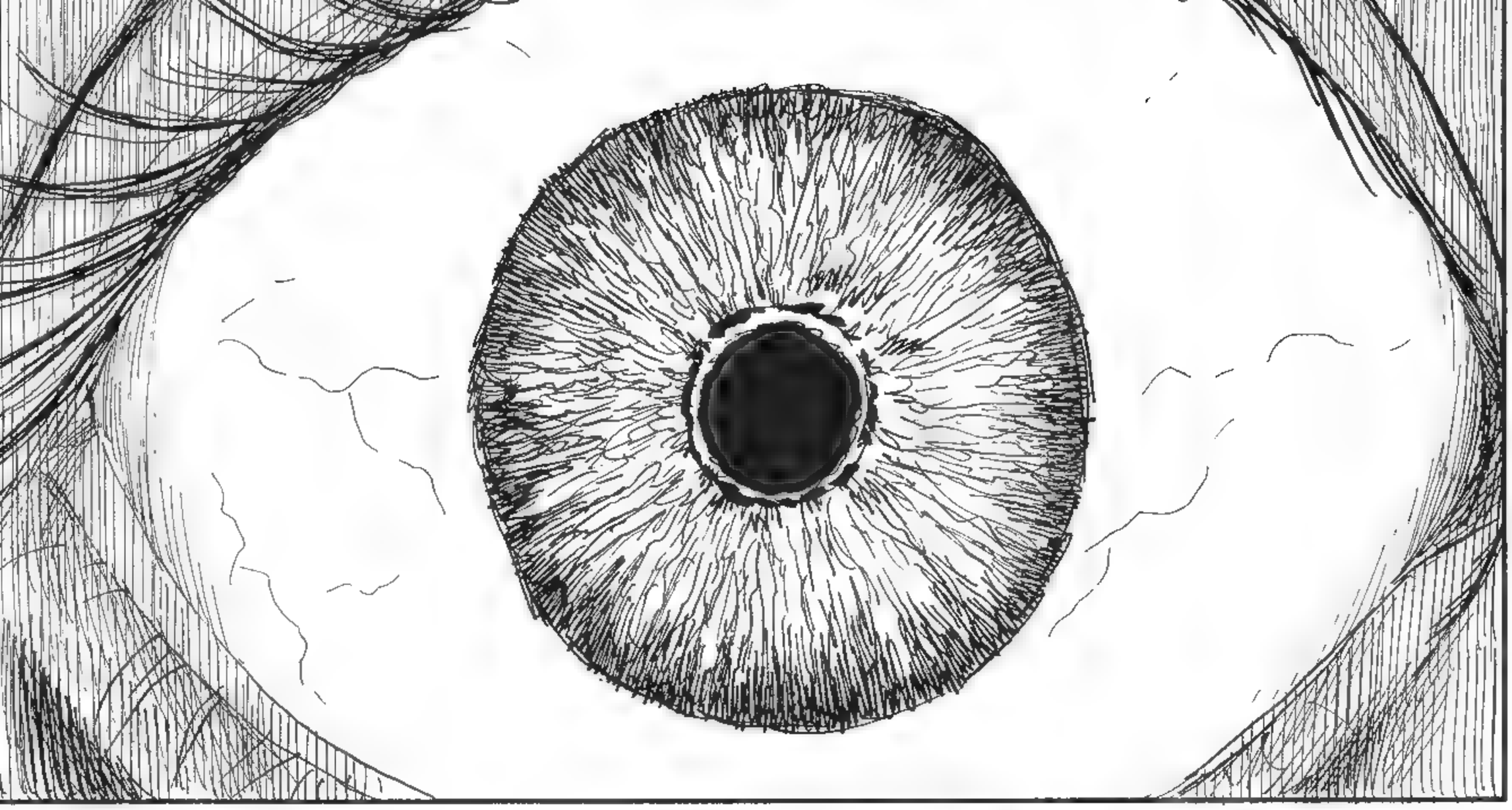
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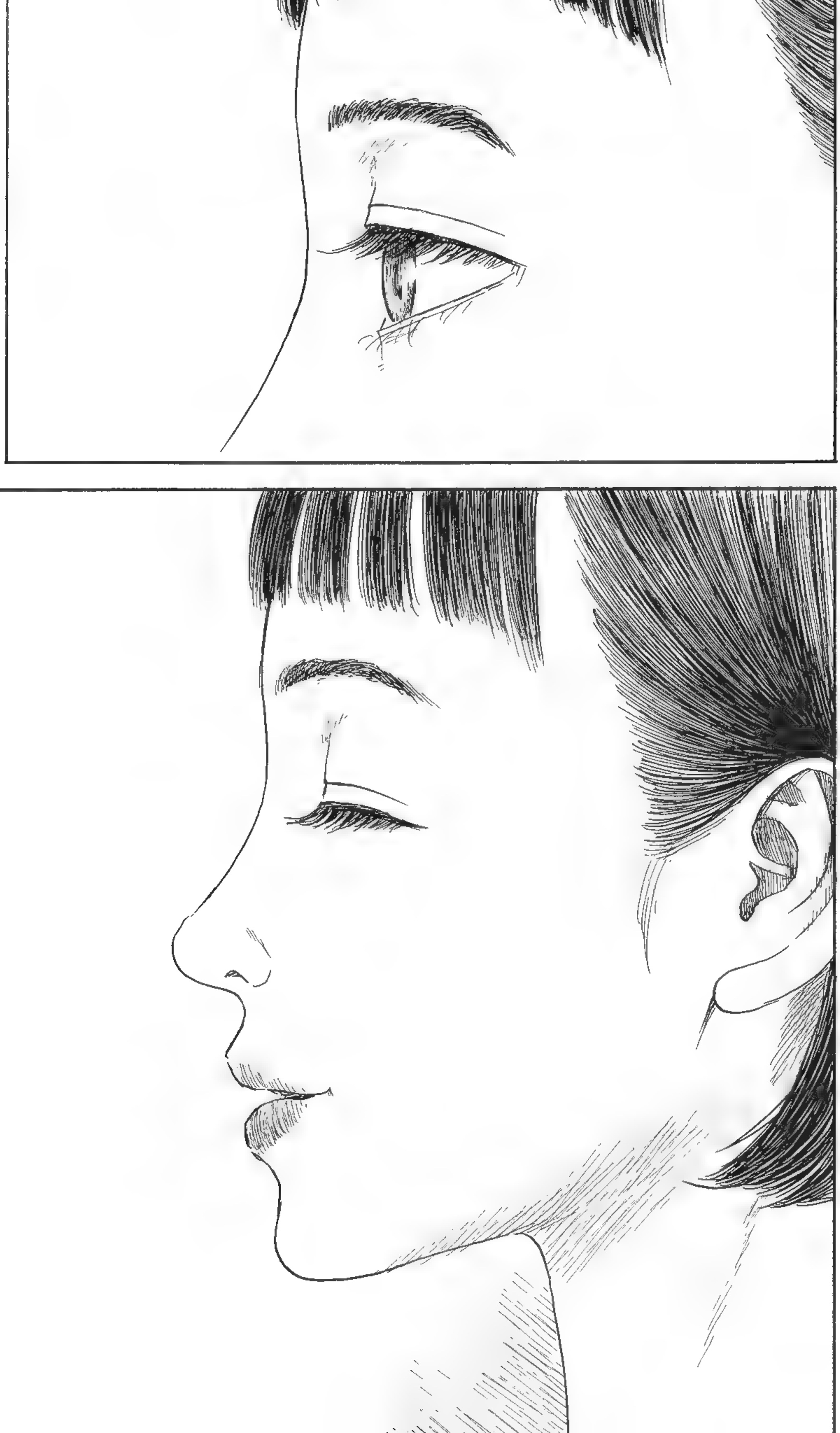




WHY DON'T YOU

SAY SOMETHING TO SEIICHI?

SEIKO.



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ALL RISE!

11:09 PTAM

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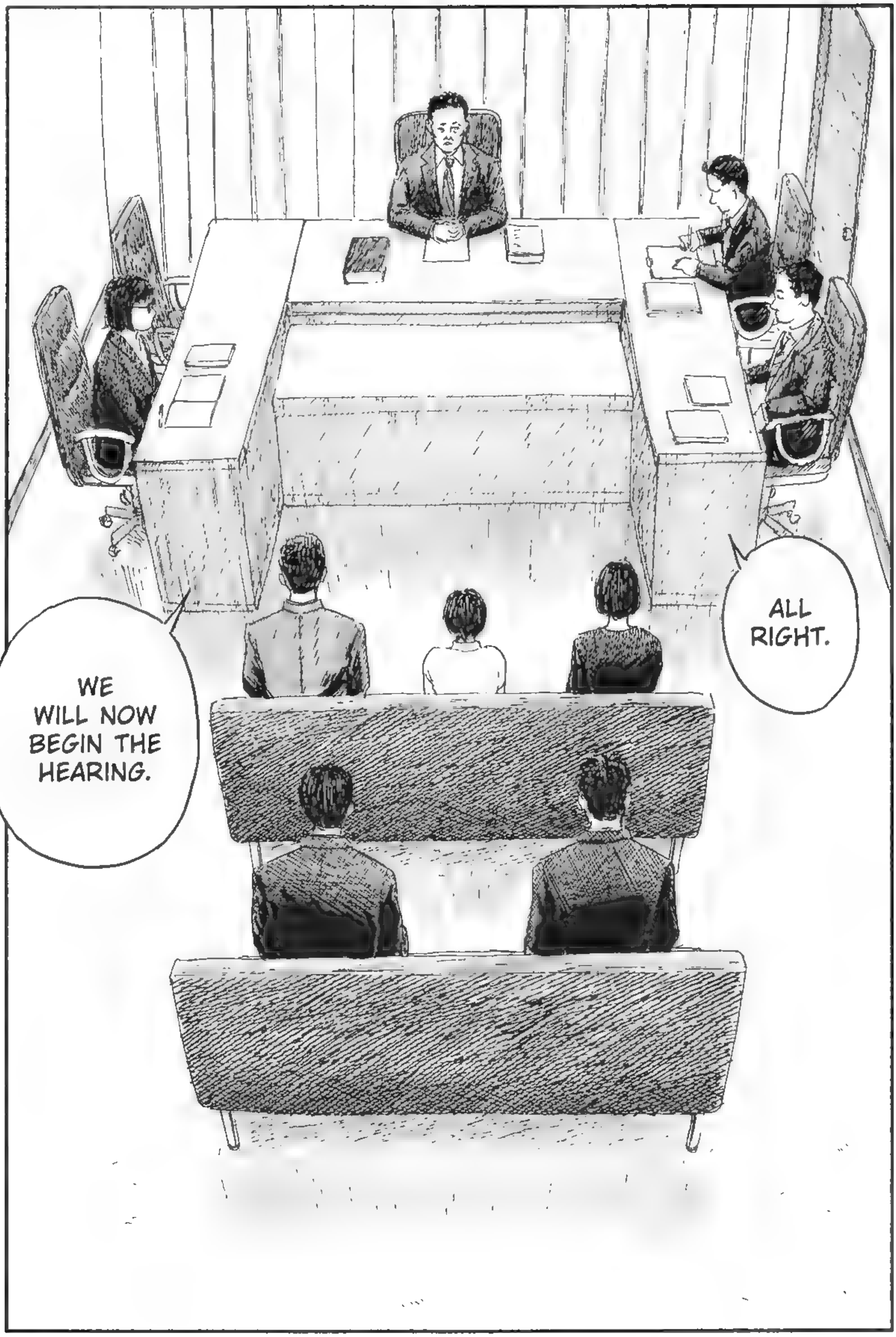
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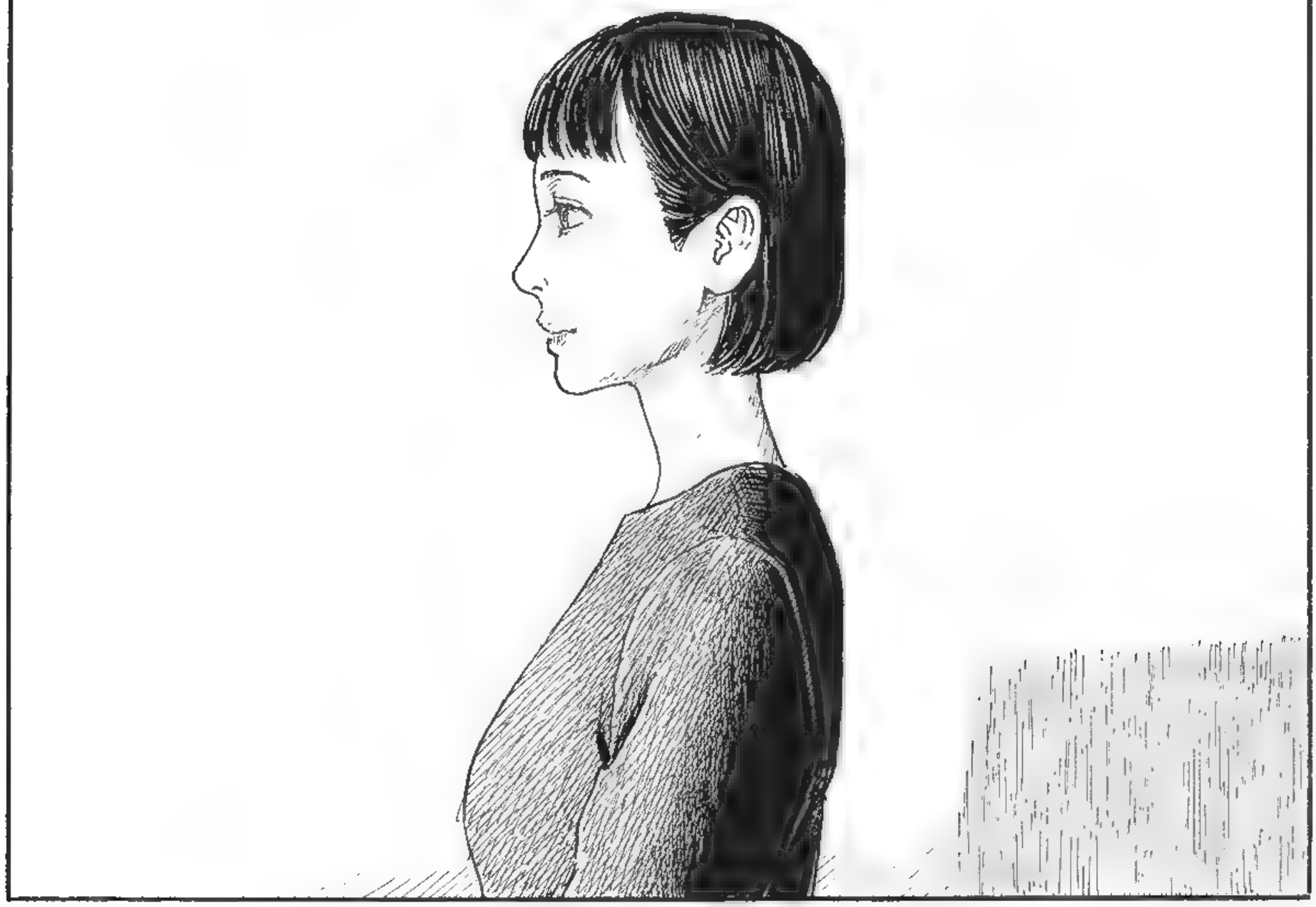
BOW!

BE
SEATED!

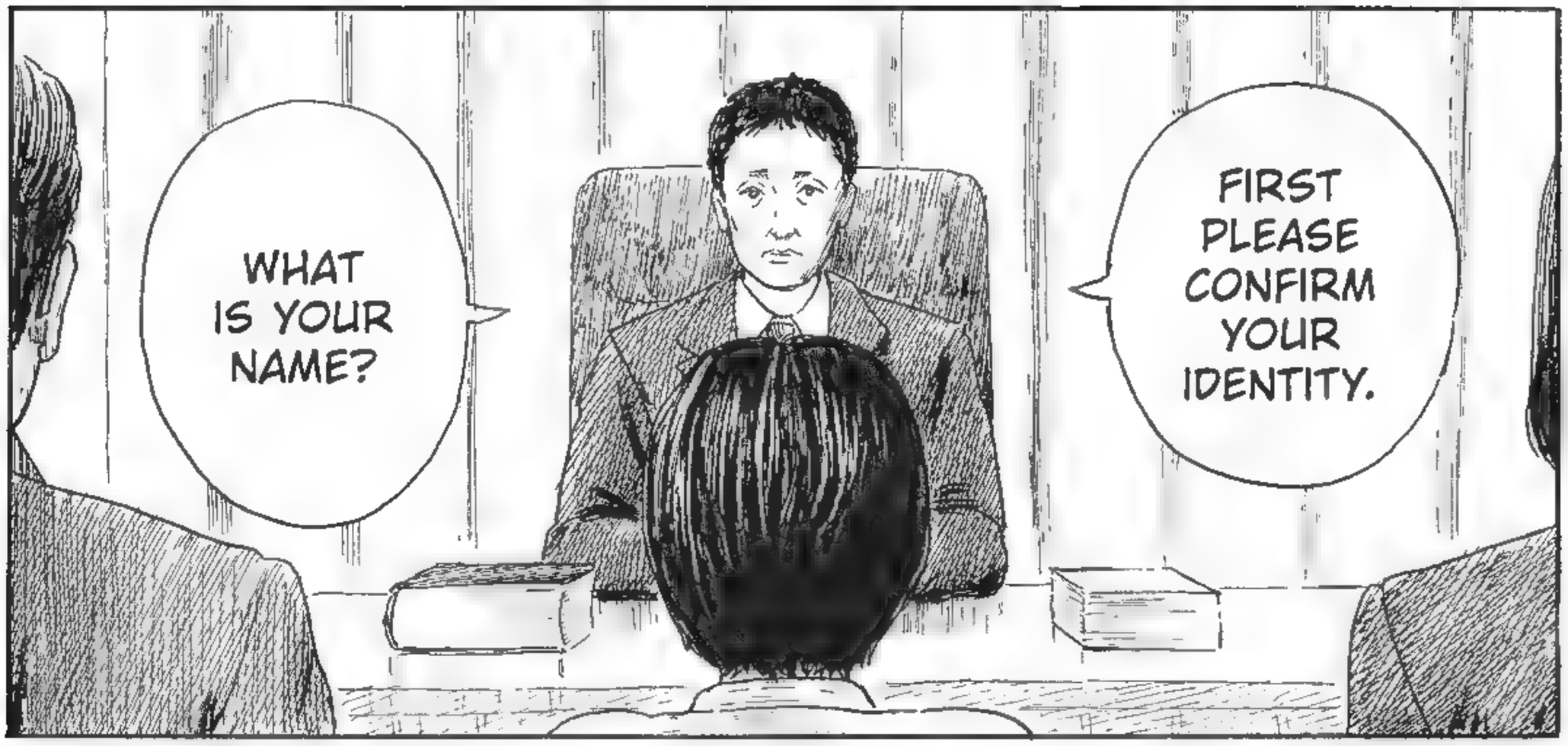
WE WILL NOW

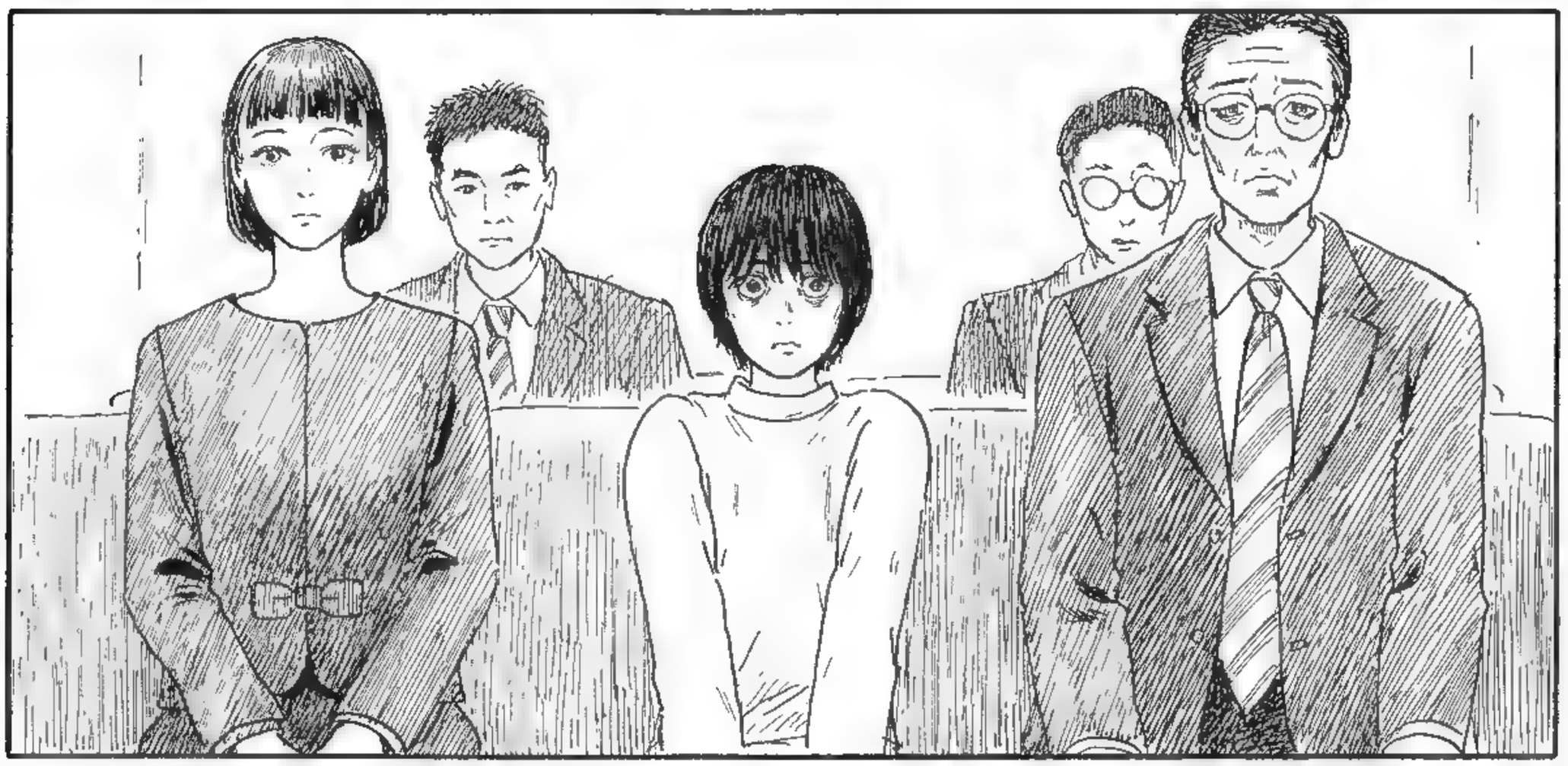
BEGIN THE HEARING.

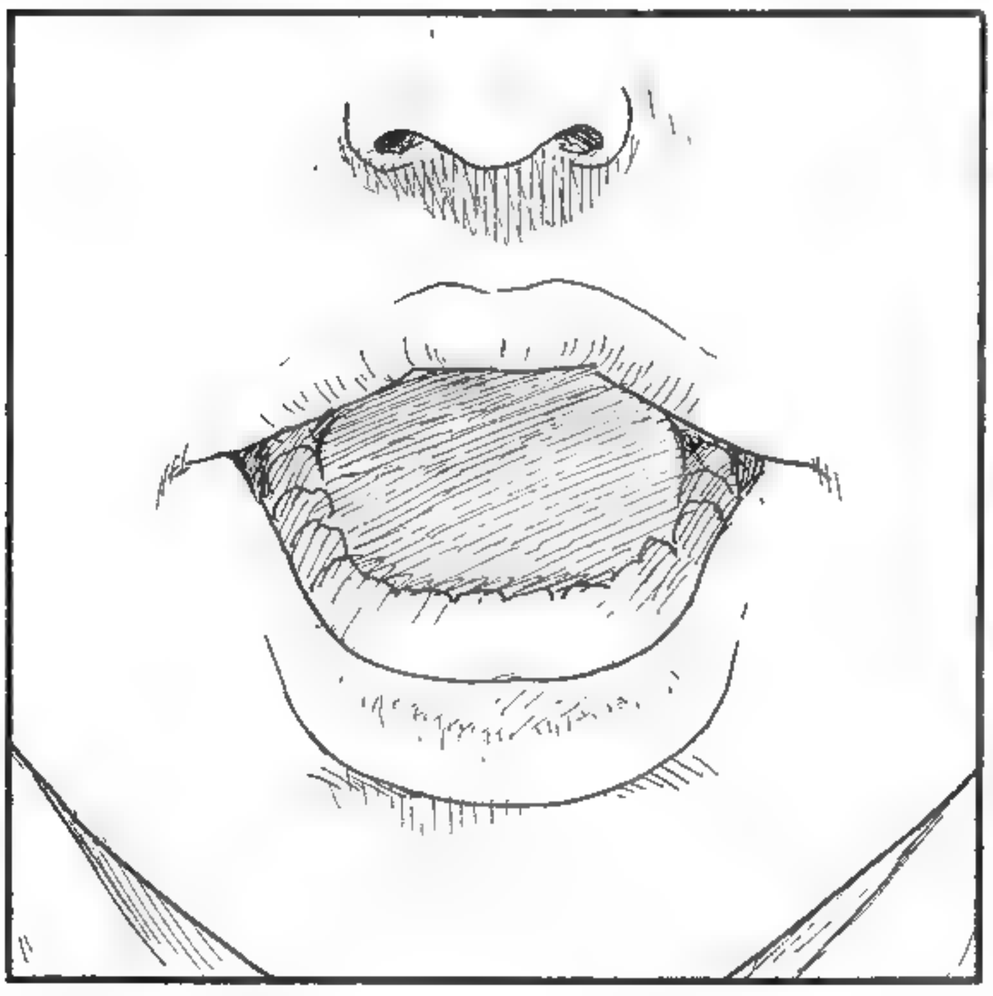

WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE HEARING.
ALL RIGHT.

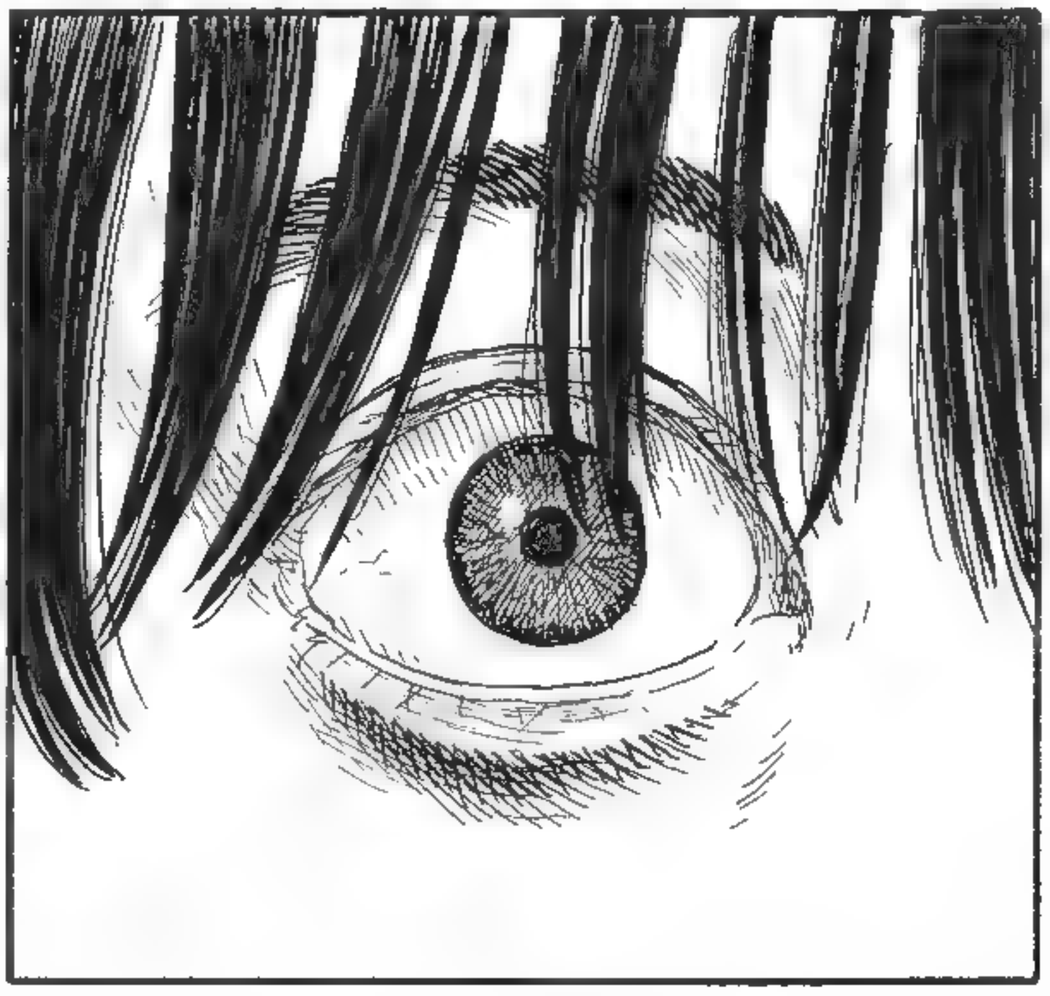





WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
FIRST PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITY.







KUH...

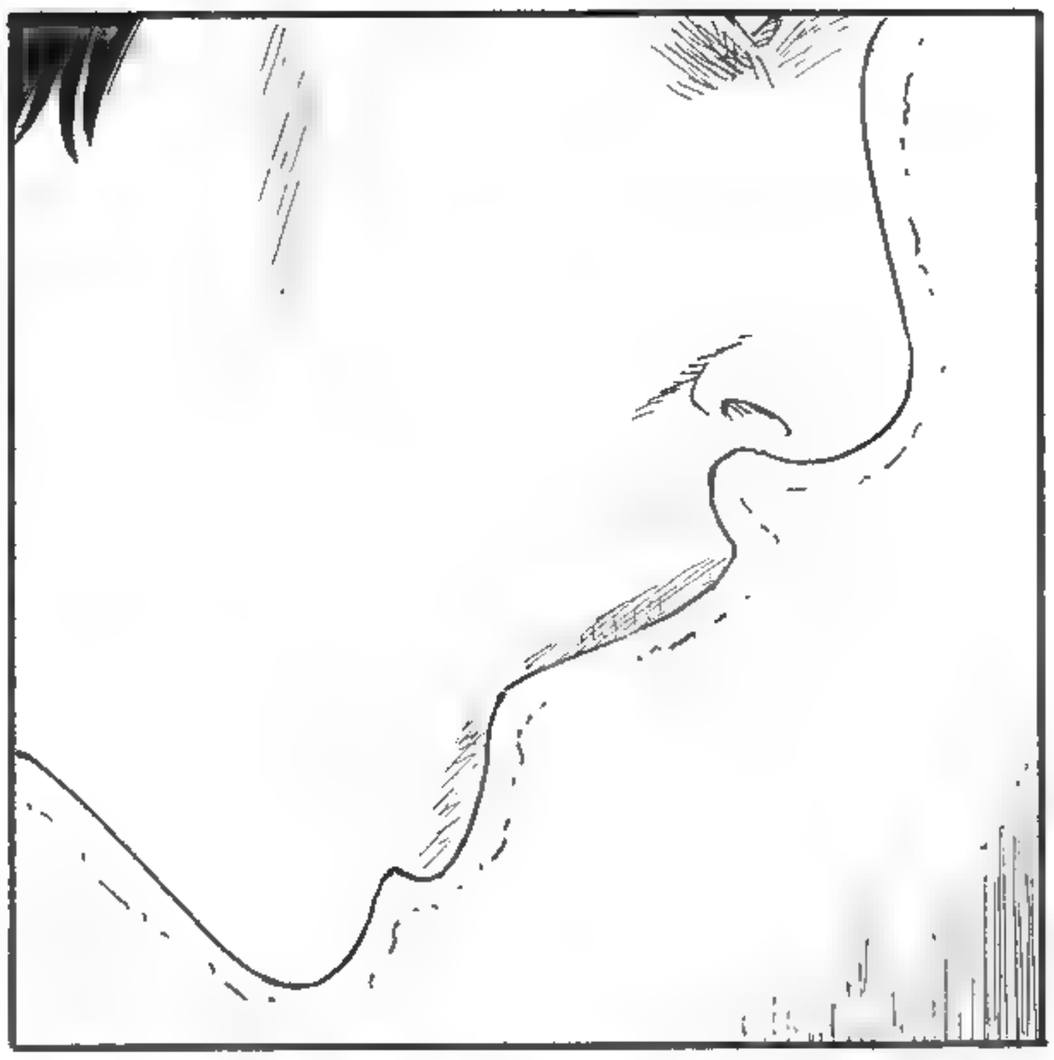
KH...

KAH...

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

...WHAT'S WRONG?


SEI...




OSABE...
YOUR
HONOR.
I...
CHI...


...NOW...
YOUR DATE OF BIRTH...
MARCH NINETEEN—
M-M-MARCH NINE—
MARCH NINETEE—

TEENTH...

NINETEEN EIGHTY-ONE...

NINE—

NOD

コク！…

IF YOU'RE ILL, PLEASE SAY SO. MAY WE PROCEED?

...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AND HIS MOTHER SEIKO OSABE, CORRECT ?

ARE HIS FATHER ICHIRO OSABE

SITTING NEXT TO THE DEFENDANT

...YES, YOUR HONOR.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

YOUR INFRINGE-MENT OF THE LAW.

VERY WELL. THE COURT WILL NOW EXAMINE

BUT YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ANSWER.

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS,

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

IF YOU DO ANSWER, HOWEVER, PLEASE DO SO TRUTHFULLY.

...YES, YOUR HONOR.

AHEM

YOUR COUSIN SHIGERU MITSUISHI CAME TO YOUR HOUSE, WHEREUPON YOU WENT WITH HIM TO THE HILL BEHIND THE SHIRAHIGE SHRINE IN KIRYU,

LATE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 10, 1995,

PUSHED HIM OFF THE CLIFF, AND WENT HOME

WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE HIM.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, SHIGERU WAS DISCOVERED AND CONFIRMED DEAD.

ARE THESE FACTS CORRECT ?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Y... YES, YOUR HONOR.

WHILE YOU WERE IN DETEN-TION?

...WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT

KUH...

UH...

SKRIT

KH...

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M—

MOMMY.

CAN YOU... BE MORE SPECIFIC?

...YOUR MOTHER ...?

WHAT MOMMY WOULD...

THINK... OF ME... YOUR HONOR.

WHAT M...

MOMMY–

MOMMY–

...DID YOU THINK ABOUT SHIGERU ?

ONLY MOMMY.

...NO.

ABOUT A RANGE OF TOPICS, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU TALKED WITH THE INVESTIGATOR AND YOUR ATTENDANT

YOU DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE FACT

THAT SHIGERU WAS DEAD?

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NG...

DIED...

GE... SHIGE...

HIS DEATH WAS POINTLESS.

FOR NOTHING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

... POINTLESS ...?

MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED HIS PREVIOUS FALL FROM THE MOUNTAIN,

SEIICHI. YOUR COUSIN SHIGERU

EXTENSIVE PHYSICAL THERAPY.

AND WENT THROUGH

ON HIS MIND AND BODY WERE GRADUALLY GETTING BETTER.

THE LINGERING EFFECTS

YOUR AUNT AND UNCLE MUST FEEL?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE GRIEF

YES, YOUR HONOR.

...

OF WHAT YOU DID?

THEN WHAT DO YOU THINK

...SEIICHI.

...I'D LIKE TO ASK THE PARENTS THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF SEIICHI'S RECENT BEHAVIOR.

I'M TOLD HIS TEACHERS WERE SHOCKED, THAT THEY COULDN'T IMAGINE A QUIET BOY LIKE SEIICHI DOING SUCH A THING.

AFTER... THE INCIDENT ON THE MOUNTAIN, I UNDERSTAND SEIICHI ASSAULTED A CLASSMATE.

WHAT DID YOU FEEL, WATCHING SEIICHI AT THE TIME?

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THIS?

I WAS... WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

I THOUGHT... HE MUST HAVE A LOT ON HIS MIND.

I COULDN'T... DO ANYTHING...

BUT... ALL I COULD DO WAS KEEP AN EYE ON HIM...

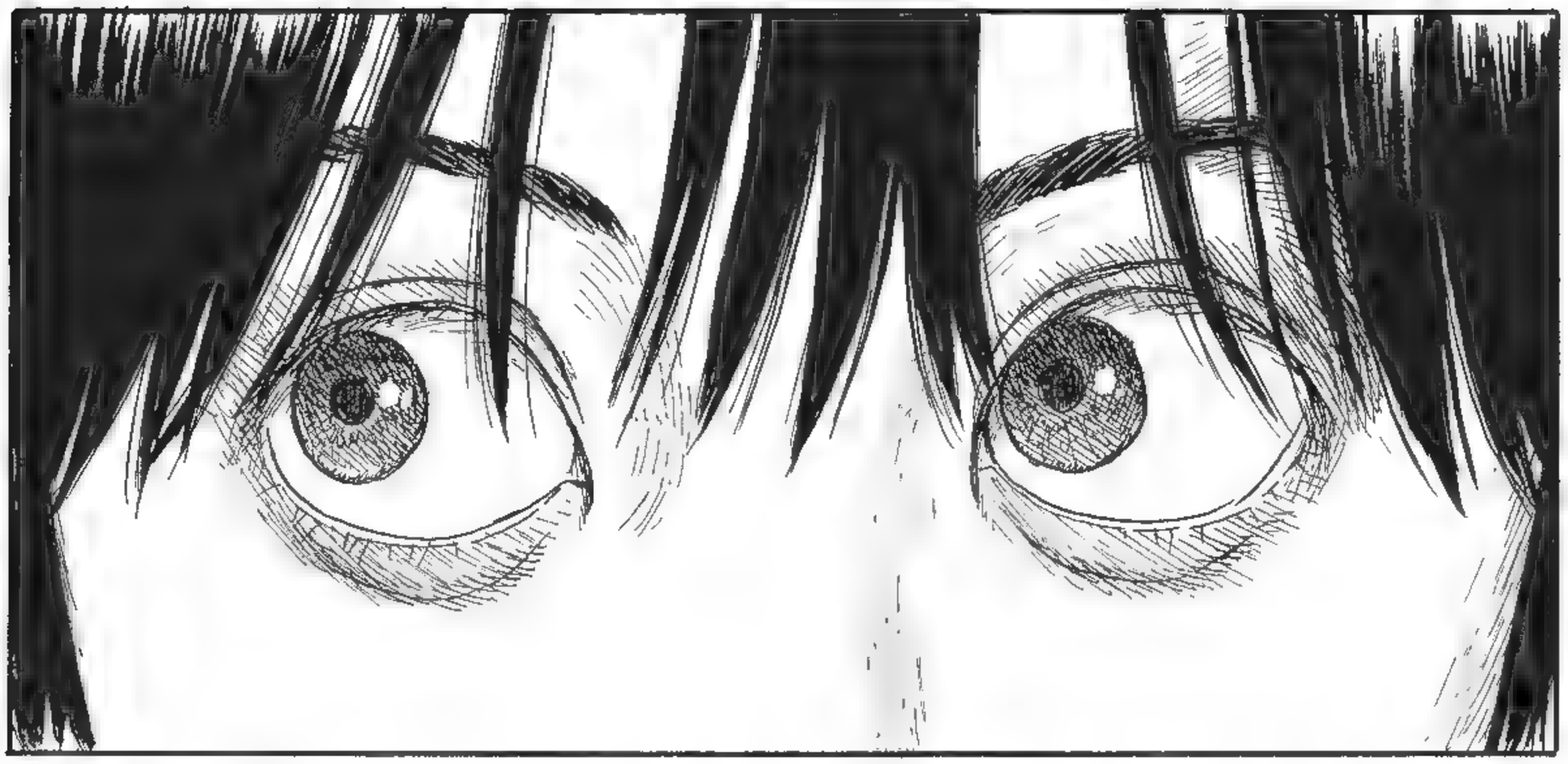
NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS...

DID I THINK... DID I... THINK...

SEIICHI... REALLY IS A GOOD KID...

A SWEET KID...

I'M...




GIVING IT UP.
I'M

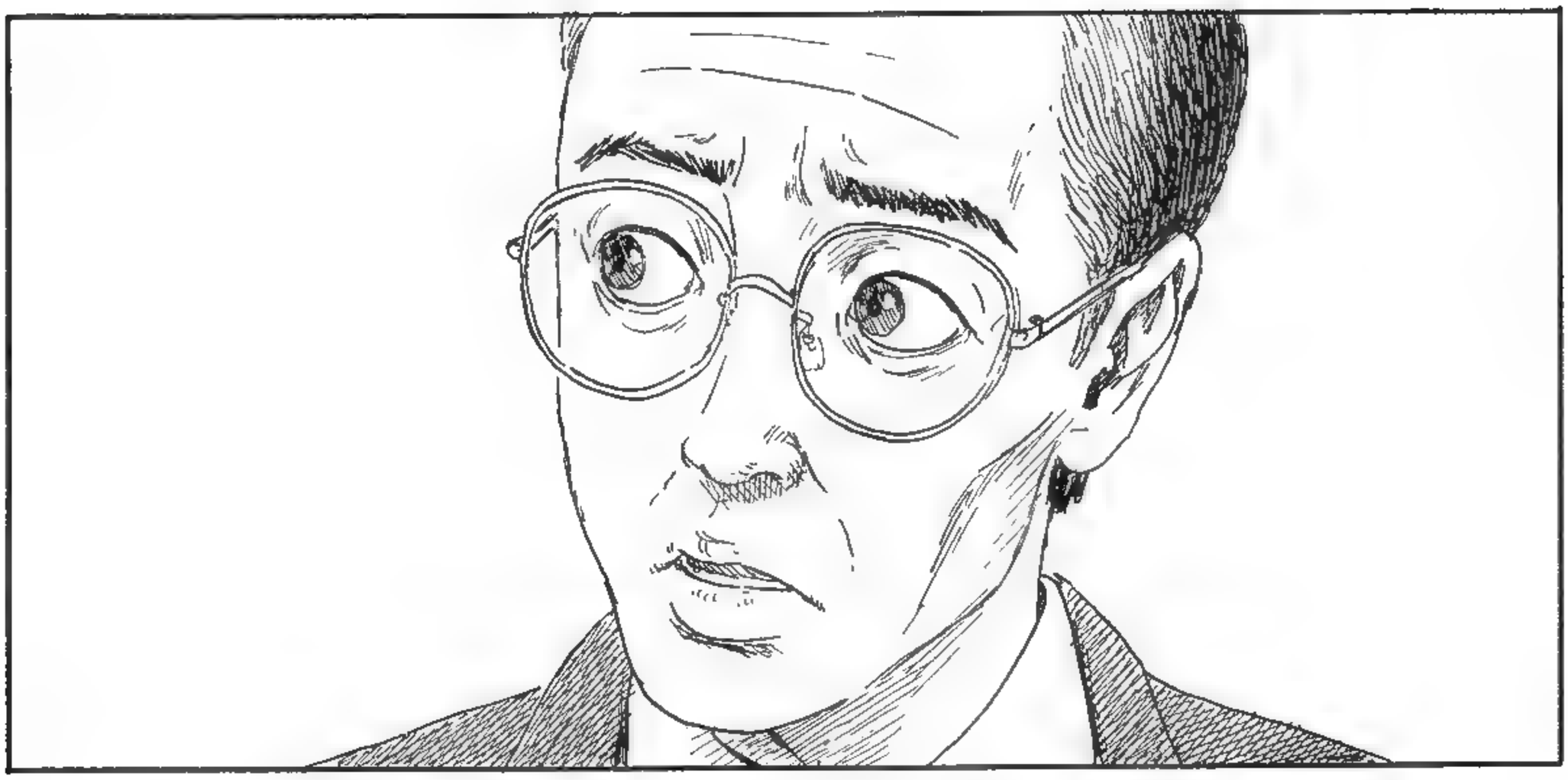

EXCUSE ME?

I'M GIVING UP

MOTHER-HOOD.

I'M GIVING UP

MOTHER-HOOD.









I ASKED YOU WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS WERE, SEEING SEIICHI'S BEHAVIOR.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

RIGHT...

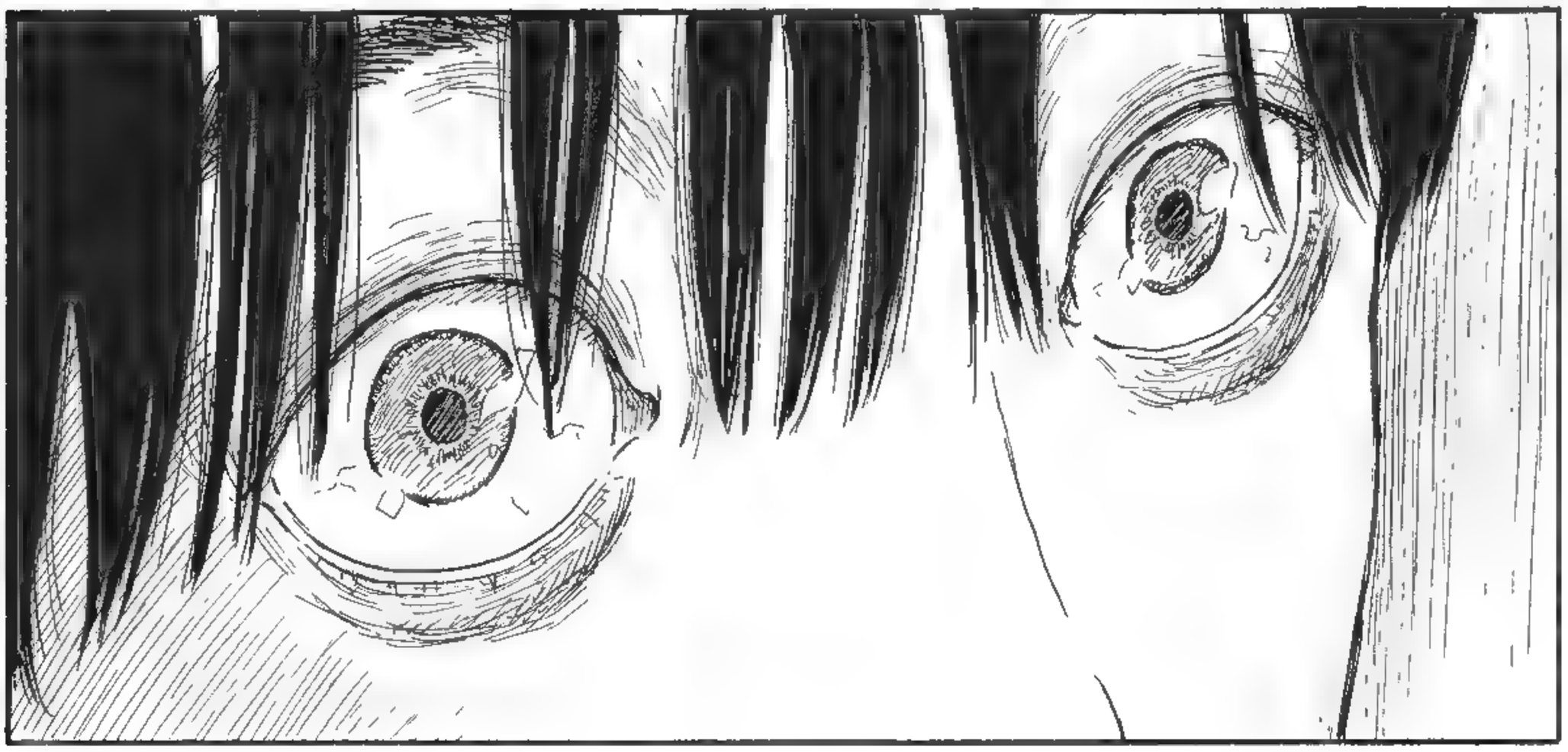
I SHOULD HAVE SAID

I'M GIVING UP PRETENDING TO BE A MOTHER.

IN THE END,

I NEVER ONCE MANAGED TO GENUINELY FEEL LIKE A MOTHER.


PLEASE...
MRS. OSABE,
NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAD CHILDREN.
I



I

SHOULD HAVE STAYED ALONE.

PLEASE STOP TALKING.

MRS. OSABE!

SEIKO...

...

THAT EVERY-THING WOULD CHANGE.

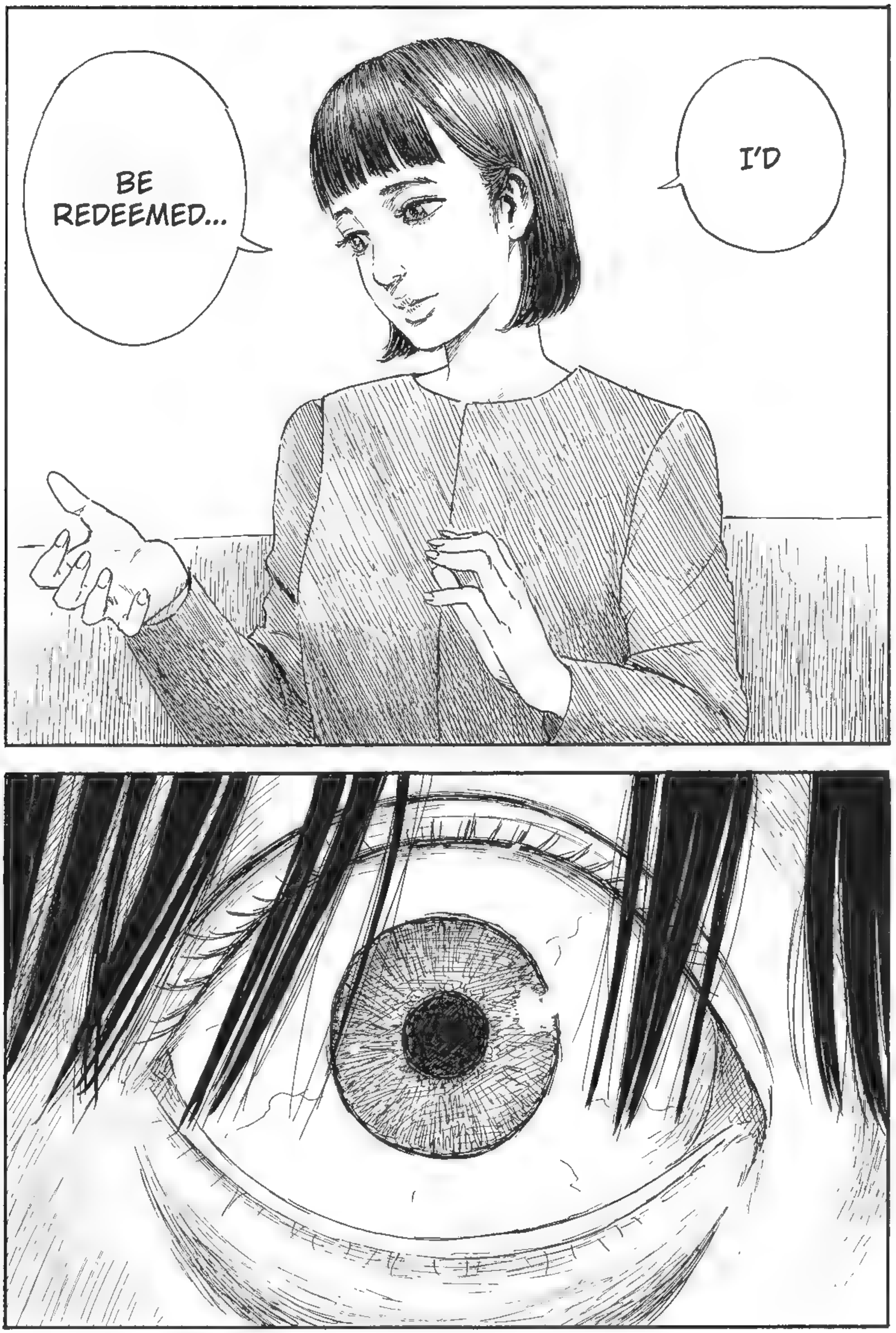
MY MISTAKE WAS THINKING

I'D HAVE A CHILD,

AND POUR ALL THE LOVE I NEVER RECEIVED INTO IT.

AND THEN...

AND THEN...


BE REDEEMED...
I'D



IF YOU WON'T BE SILENT, I'LL HAVE YOU REMOVED FROM THIS COURTROOM!

ENOUGH ...!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT WHEN I GOT PREGNANT.

I'D BE REDEEMED...

I WONDERED WHETHER I SHOULD REALLY BE HAVING A BABY.

BUT... AT THE SAME TIME...

TO GET AN ABORTION.

I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER

WONDERING WHETHER I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD ONE AFTER ALL.

EVEN AFTER THE BABY WAS BORN,

I KEPT THINKING ABOUT IT.

PLEASE LEAVE THE ROOM!

MRS. OSABE!

I MEAN,

I WASN'T REDEEMED AT ALL.

IN THE END,

I'D BEEN WRONG.

YES.


IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF HIM.
TO GET RID OF MY CHILD.
I CAN NOW, CAN'T I?

NOW THAT HE'S MURDERED SOMEONE.

I CAN FINALLY BE BY MYSELF.

AHH,

MY LIFE

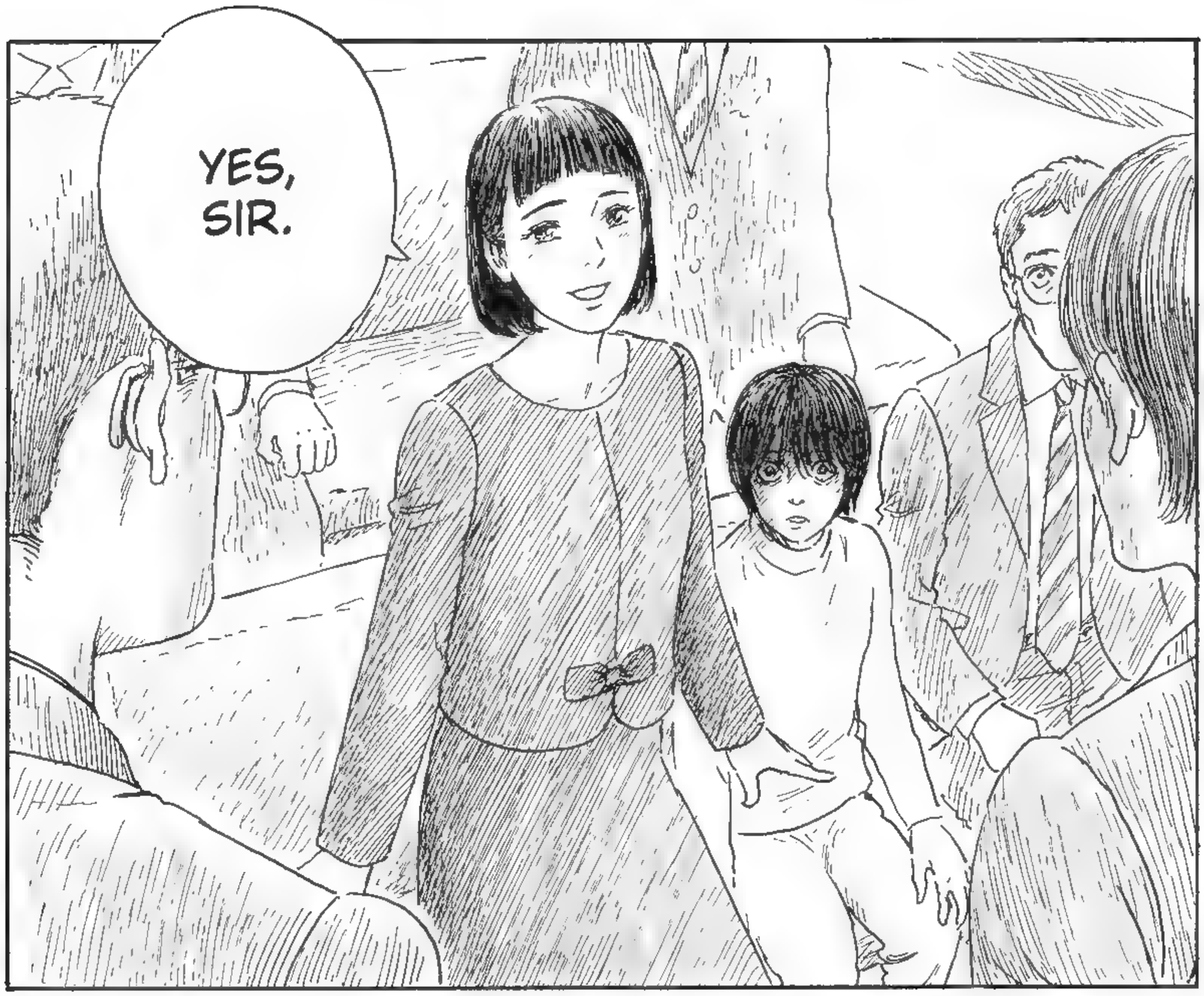
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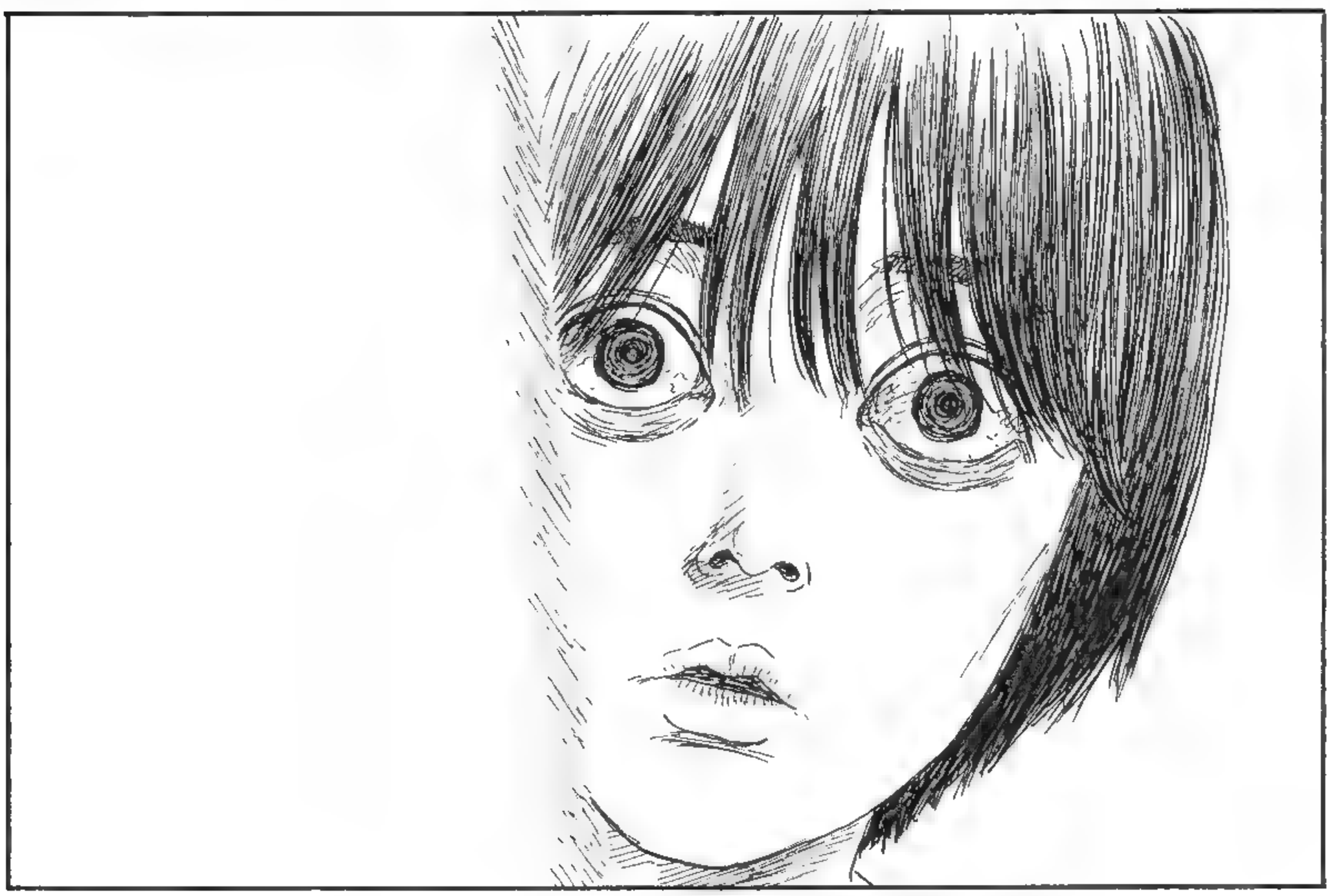
THANK YOU.

FOR BEING A MURDERER.

COME WITH US.

MRS. OSABE.


YES, SIR.

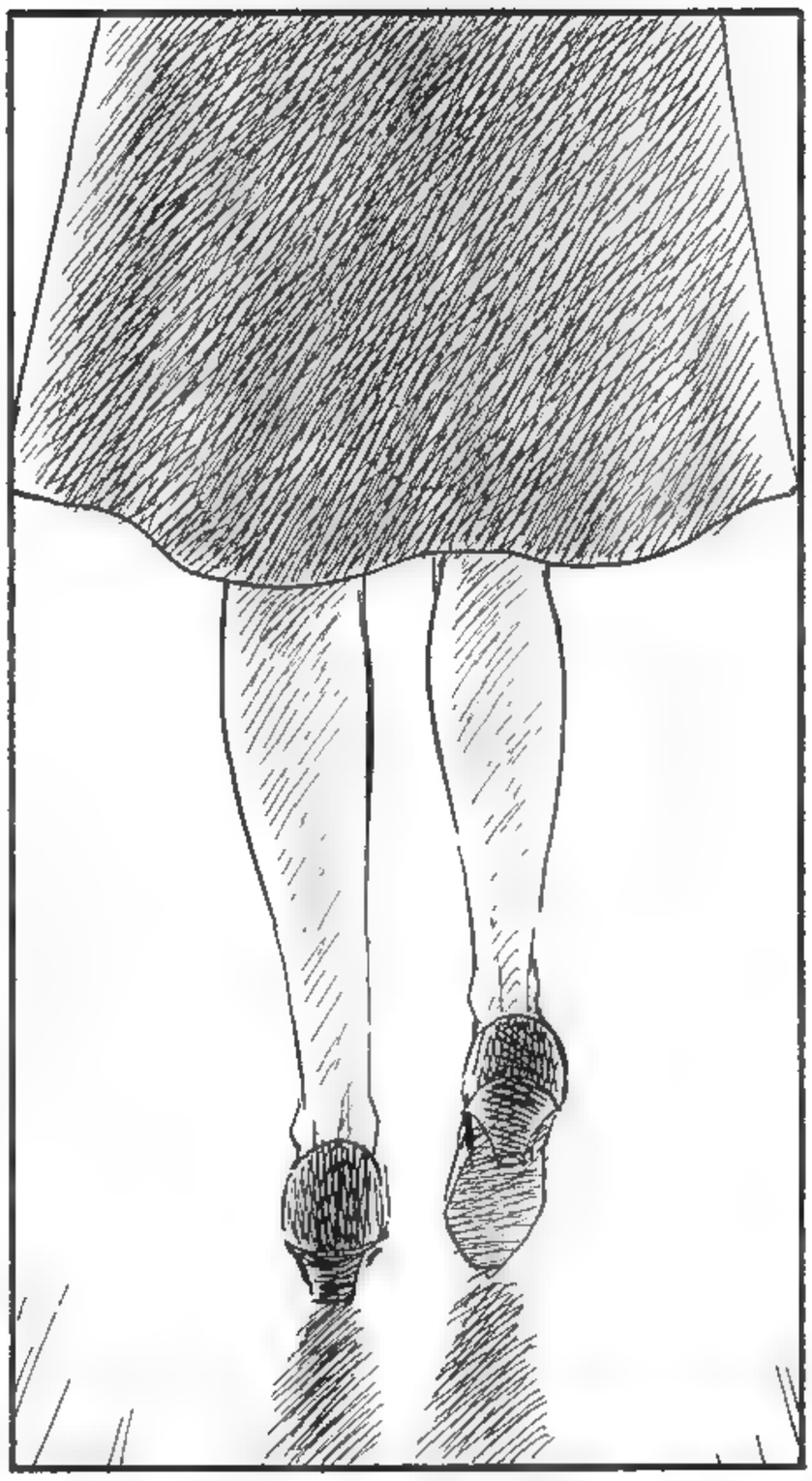


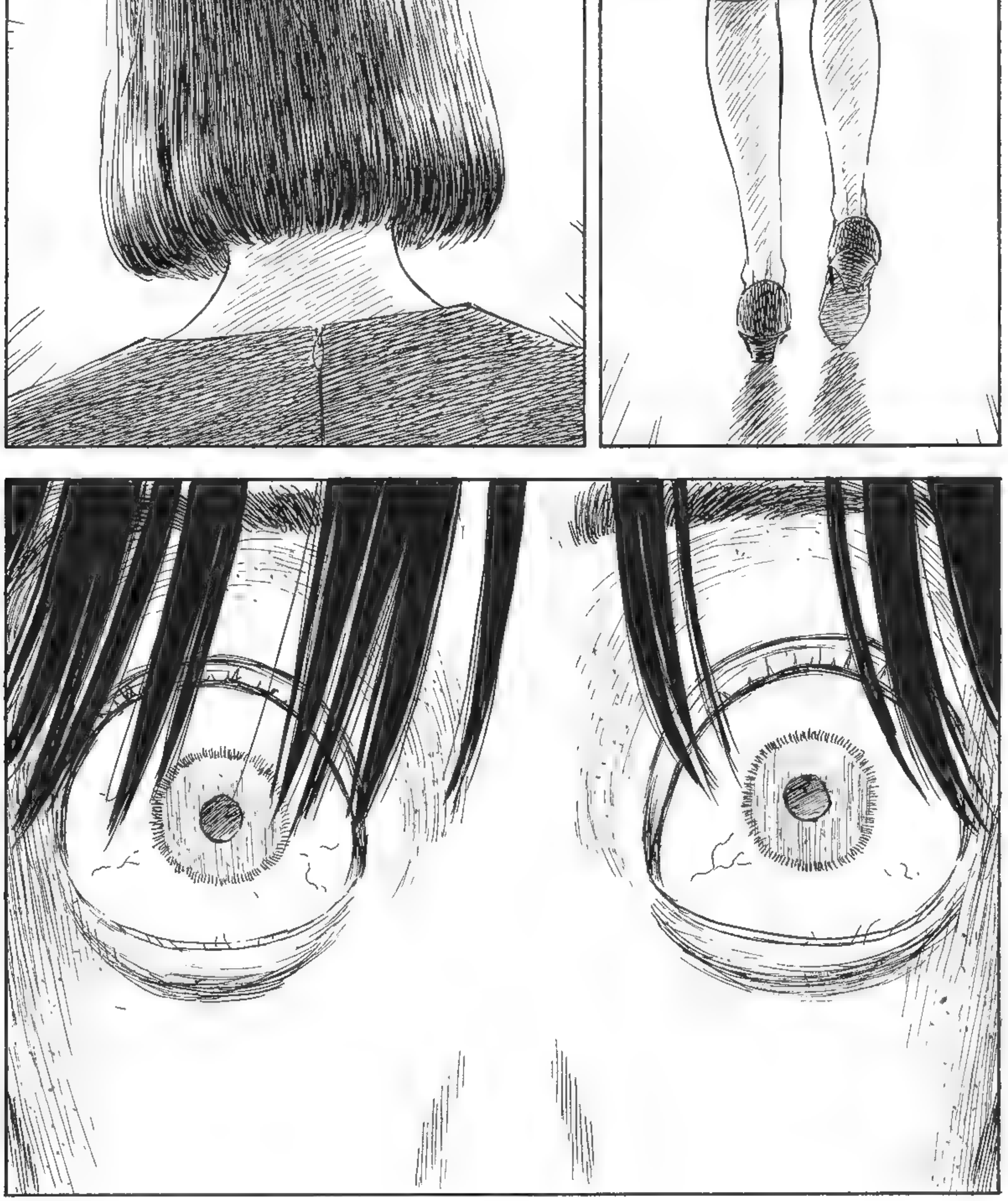

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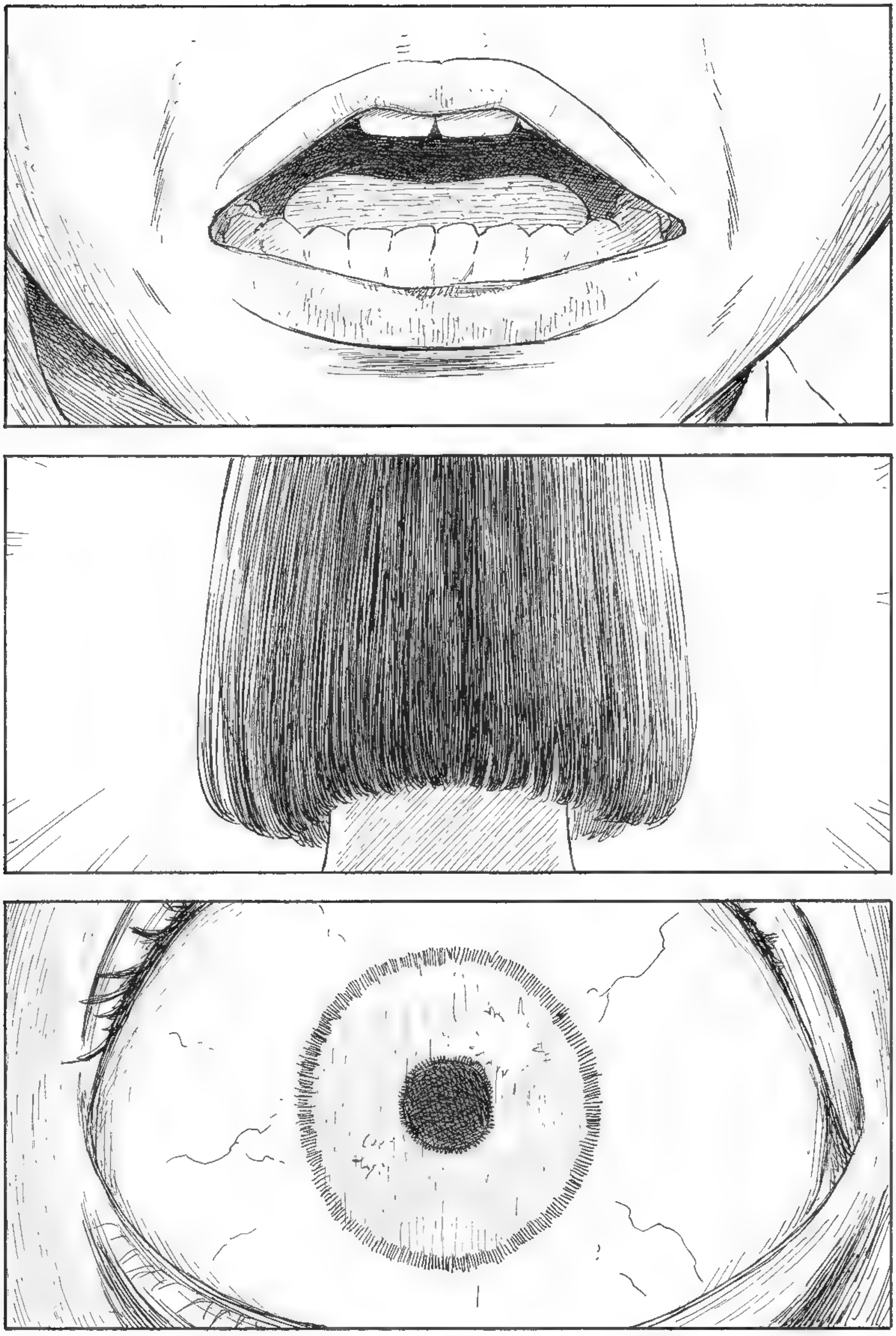

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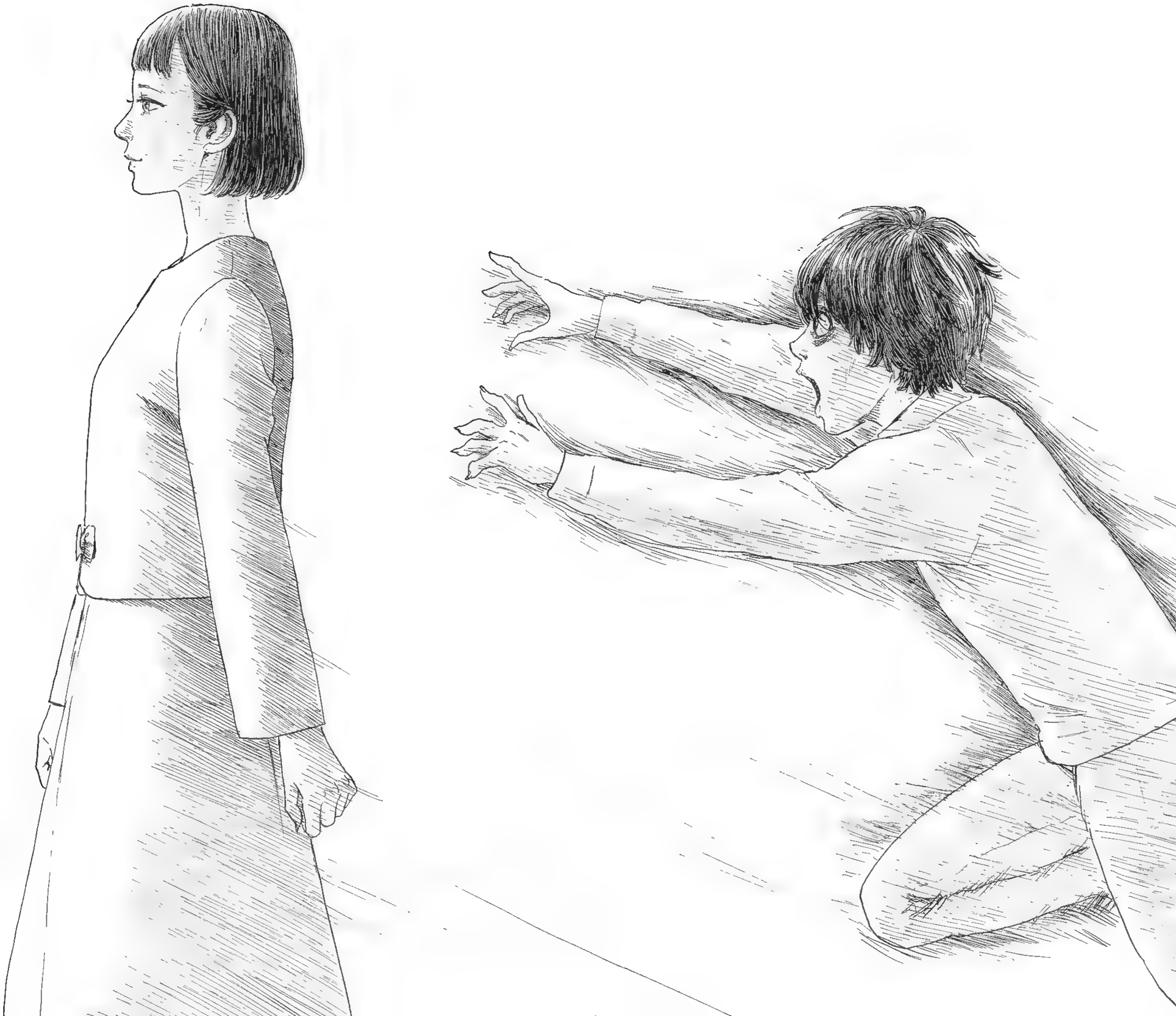






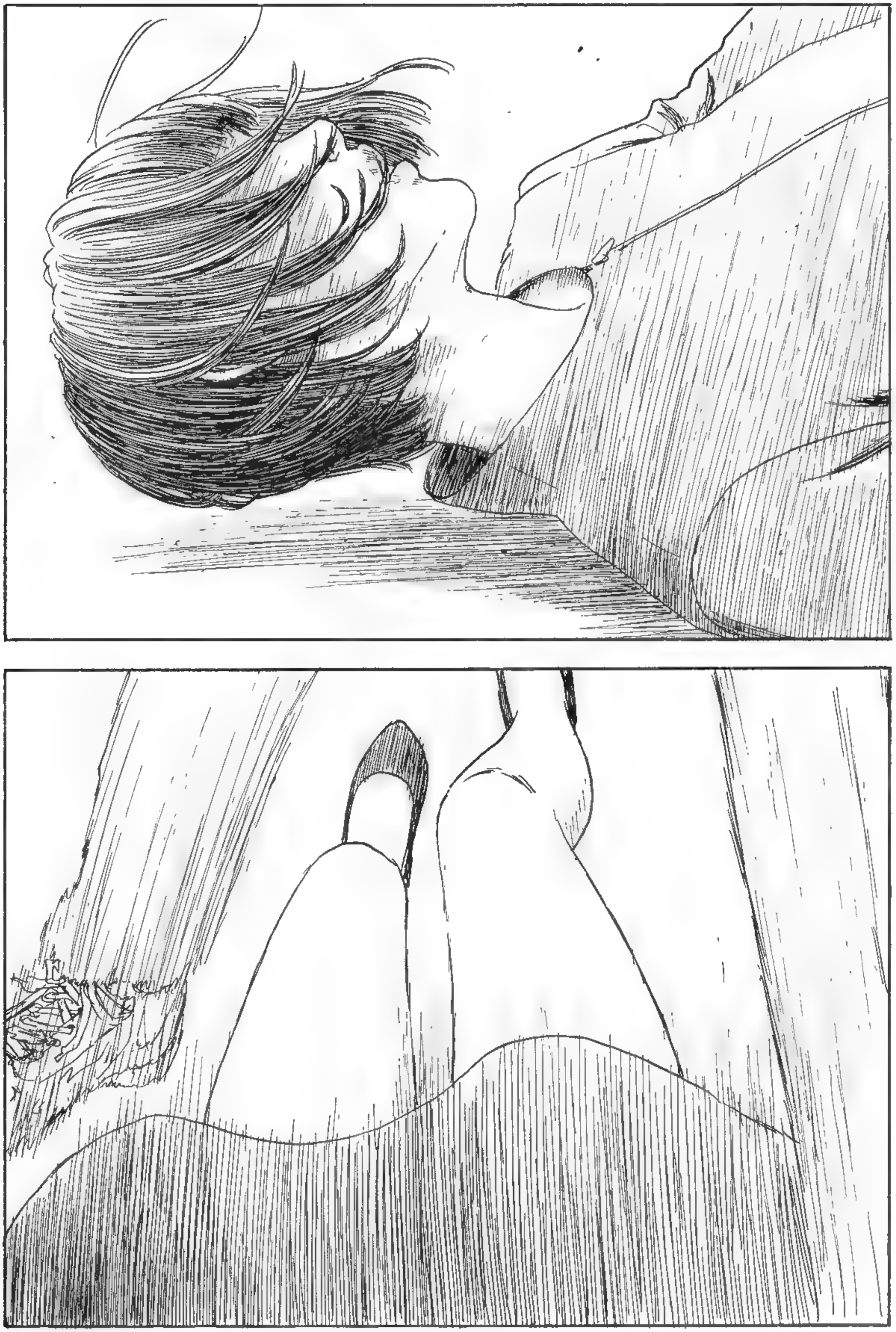


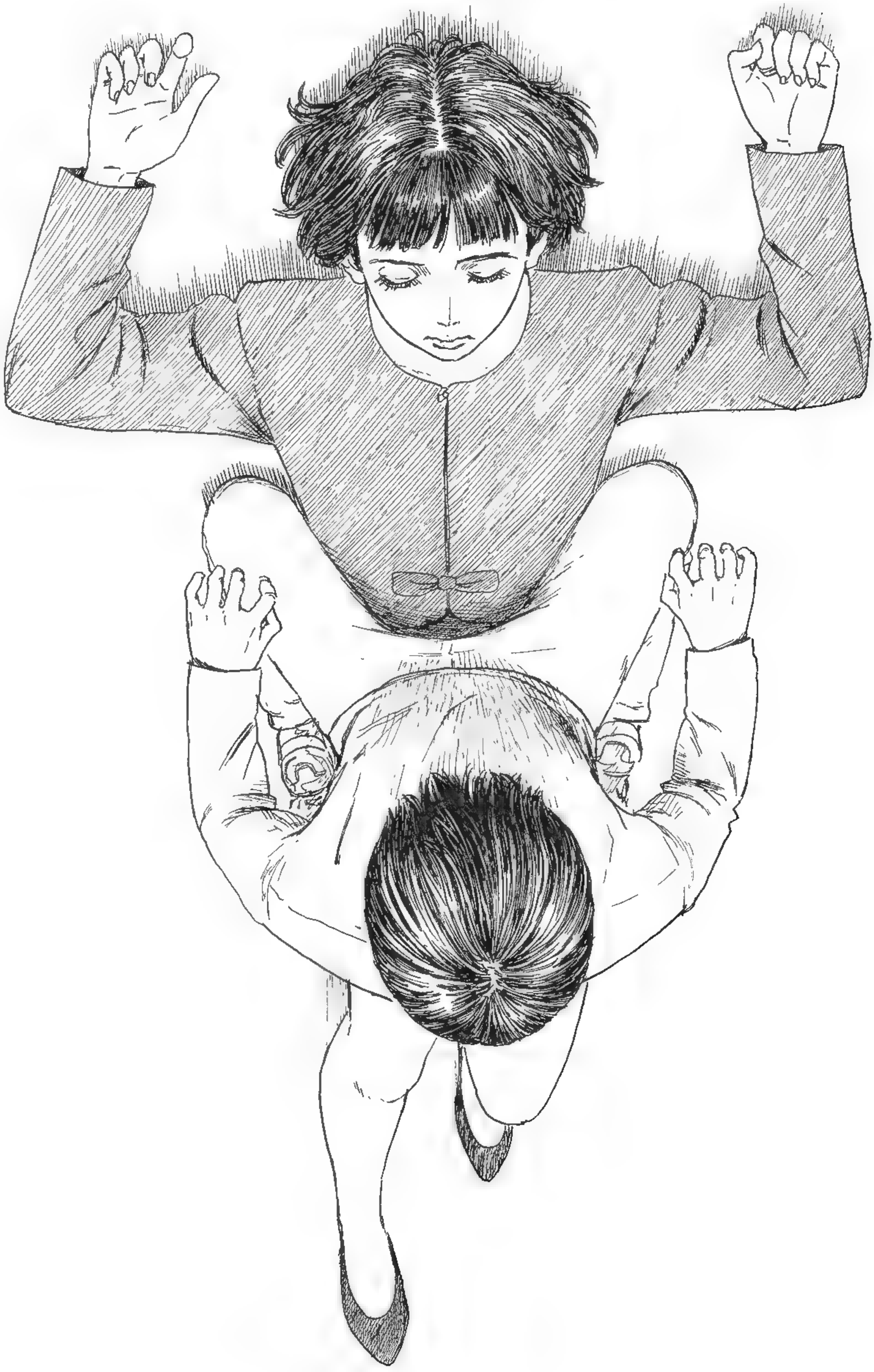


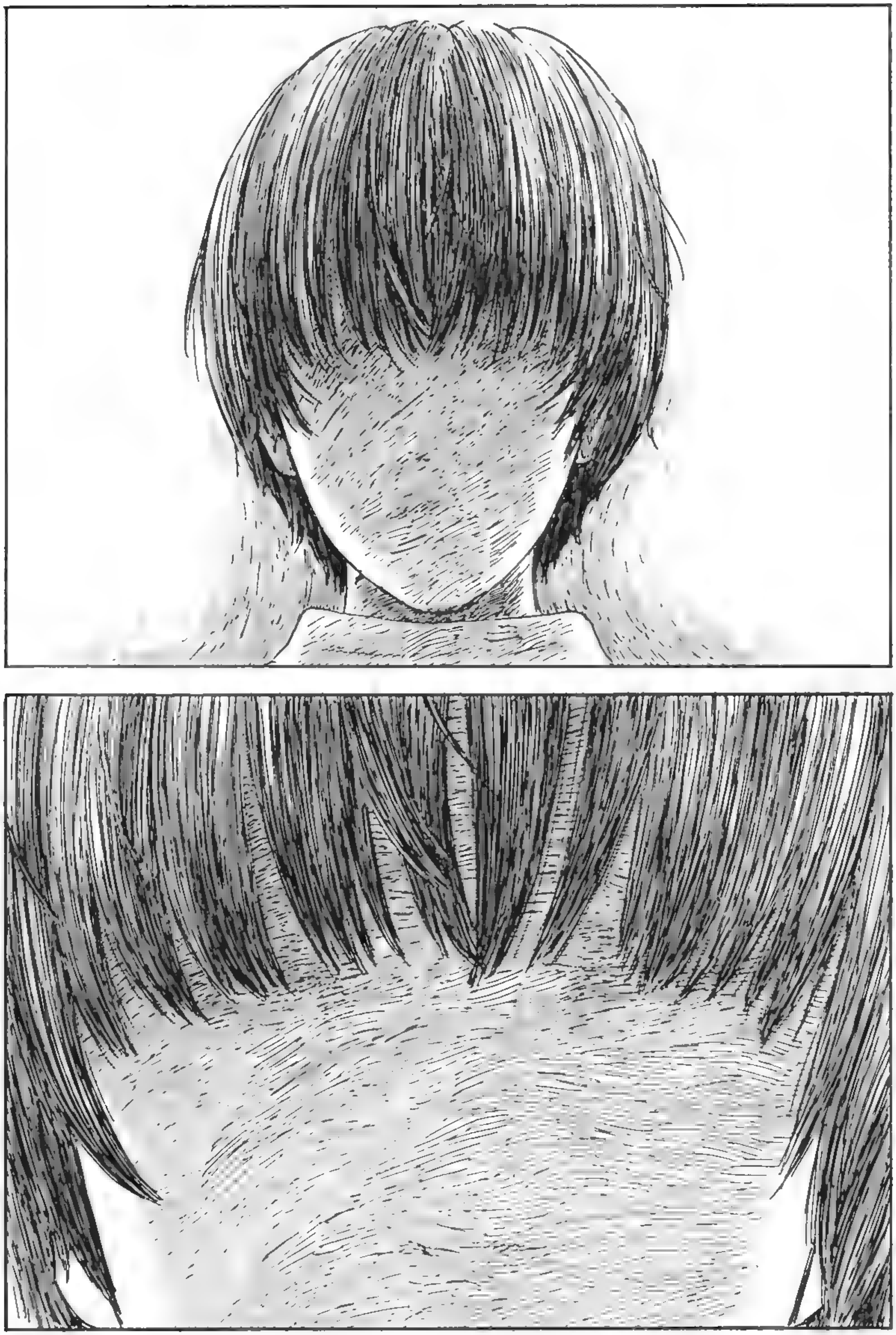


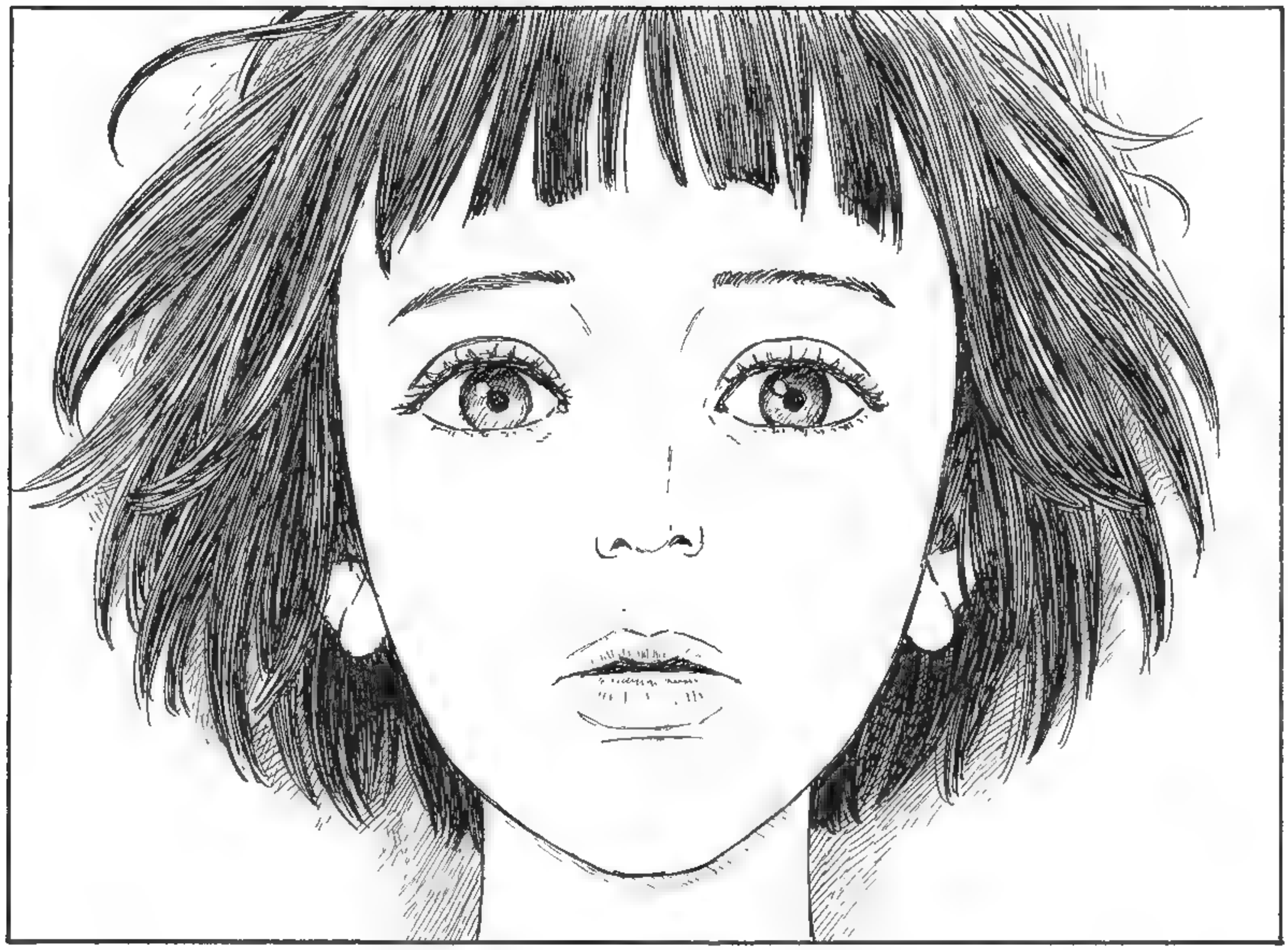


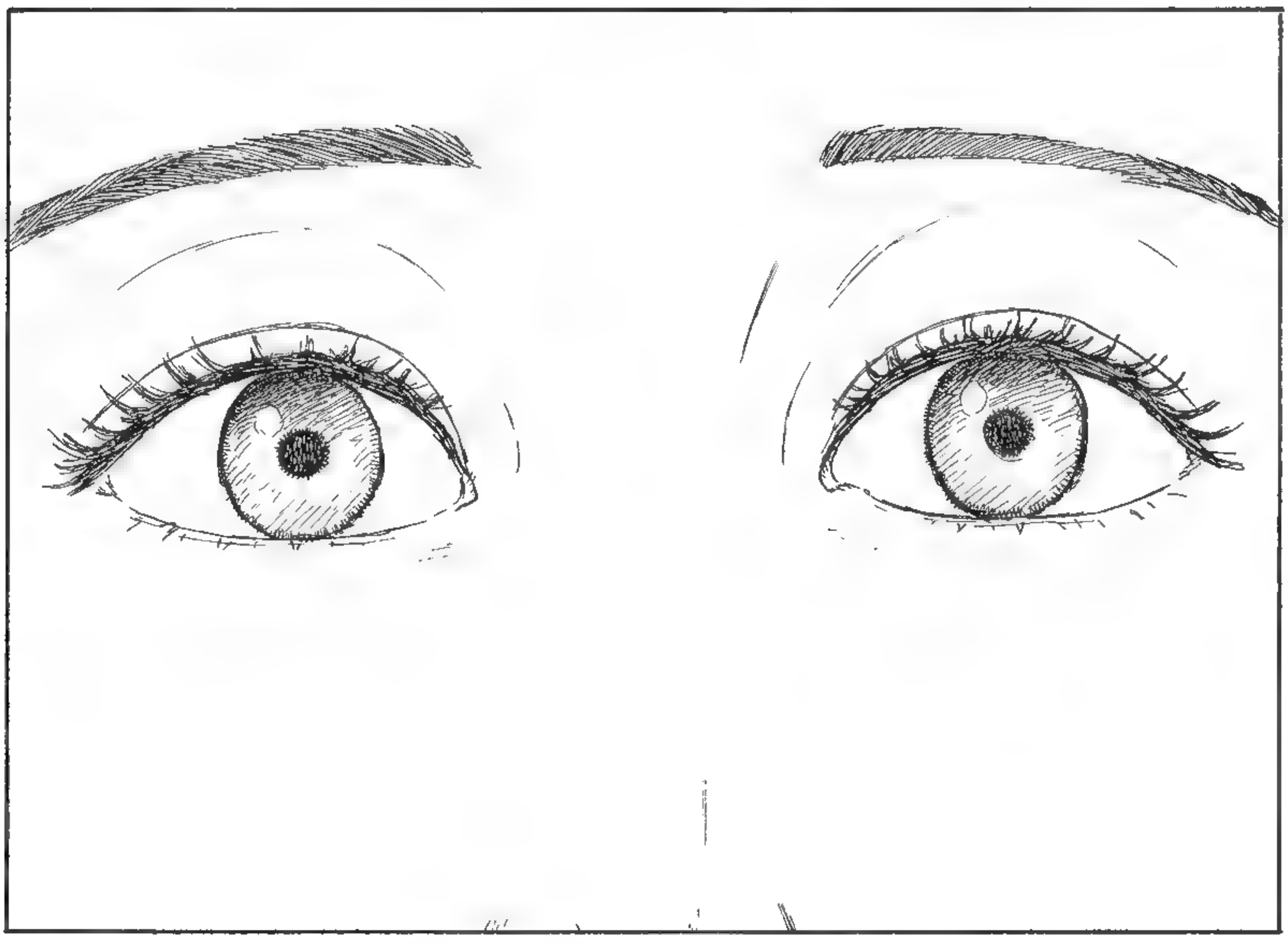


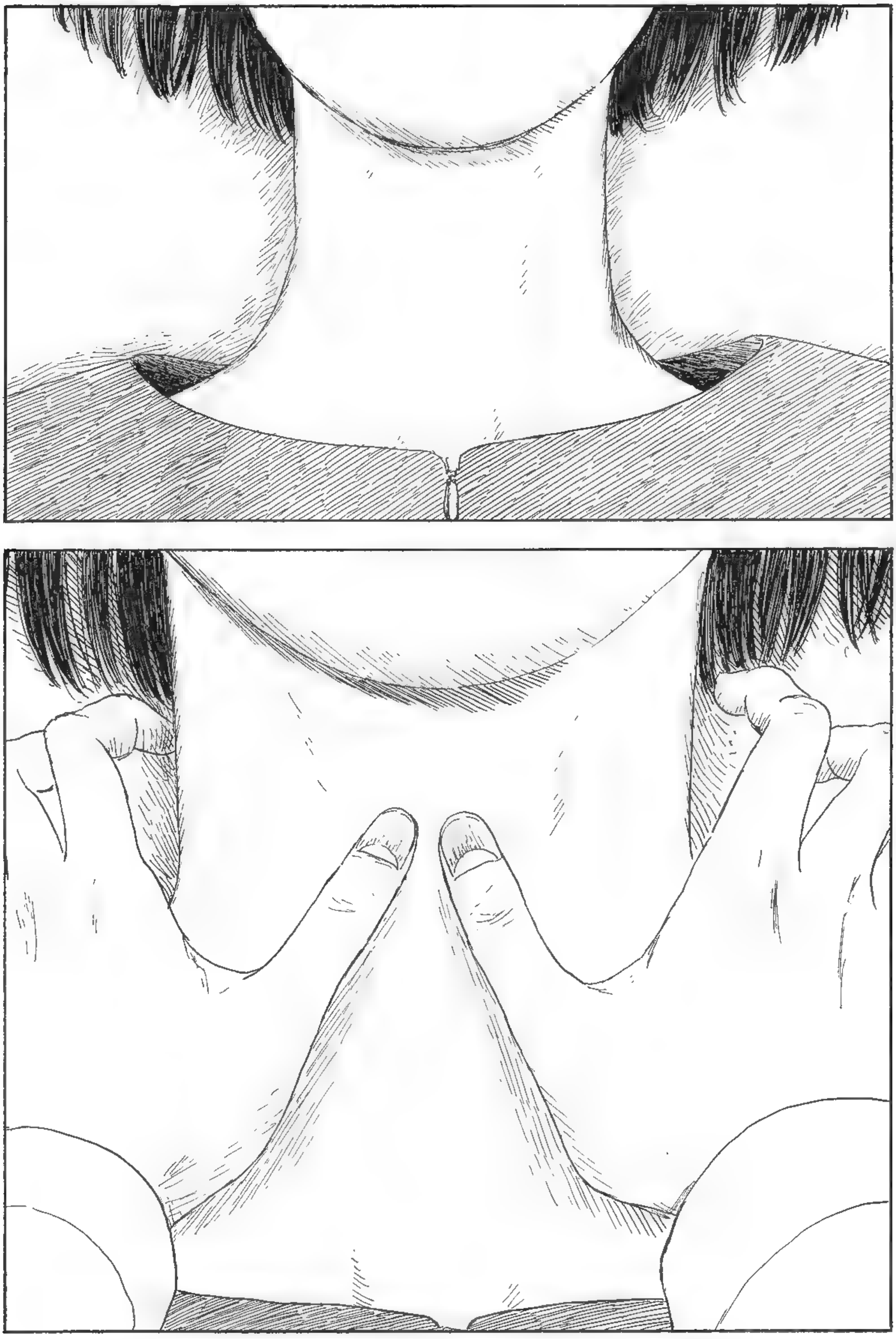


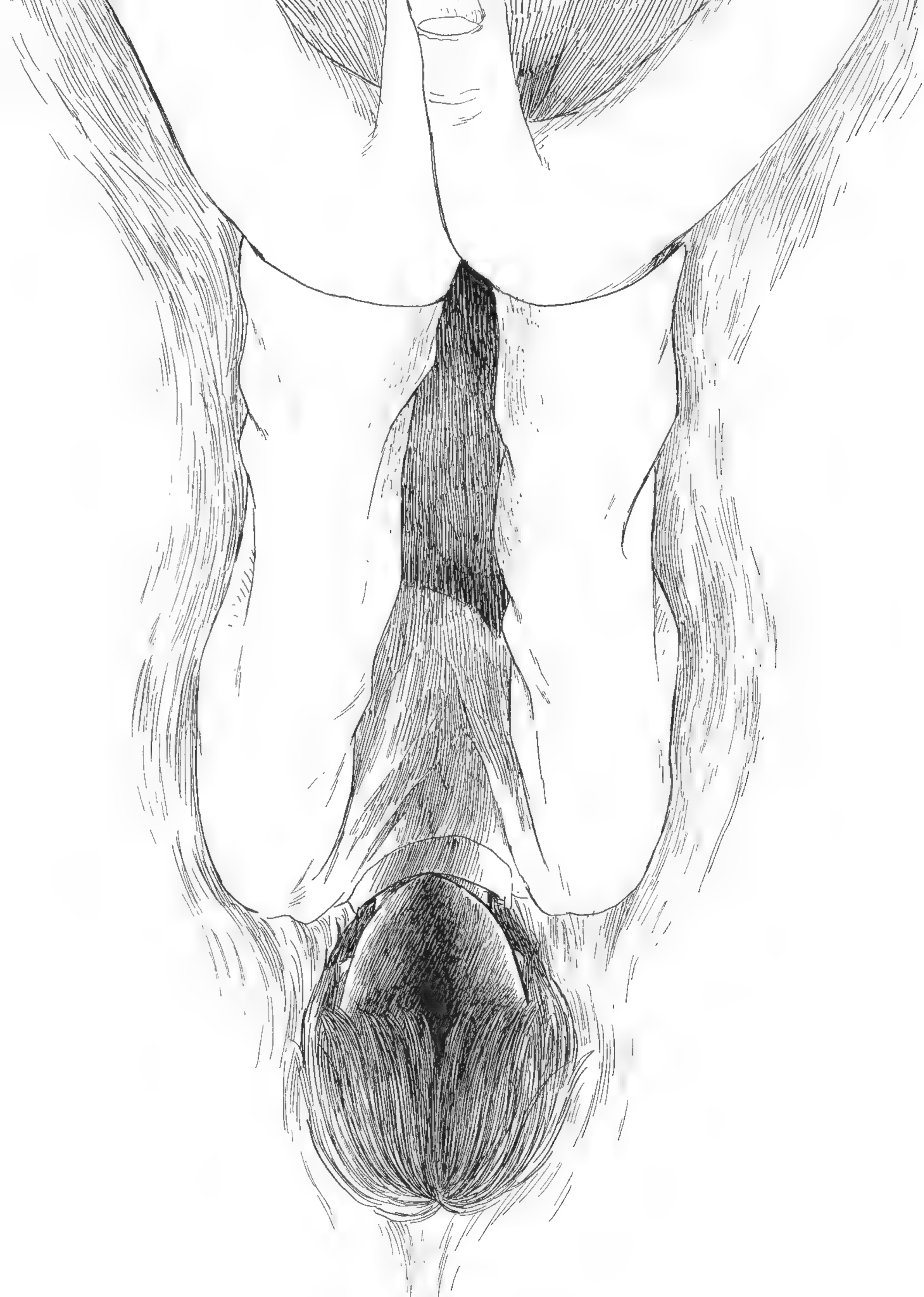




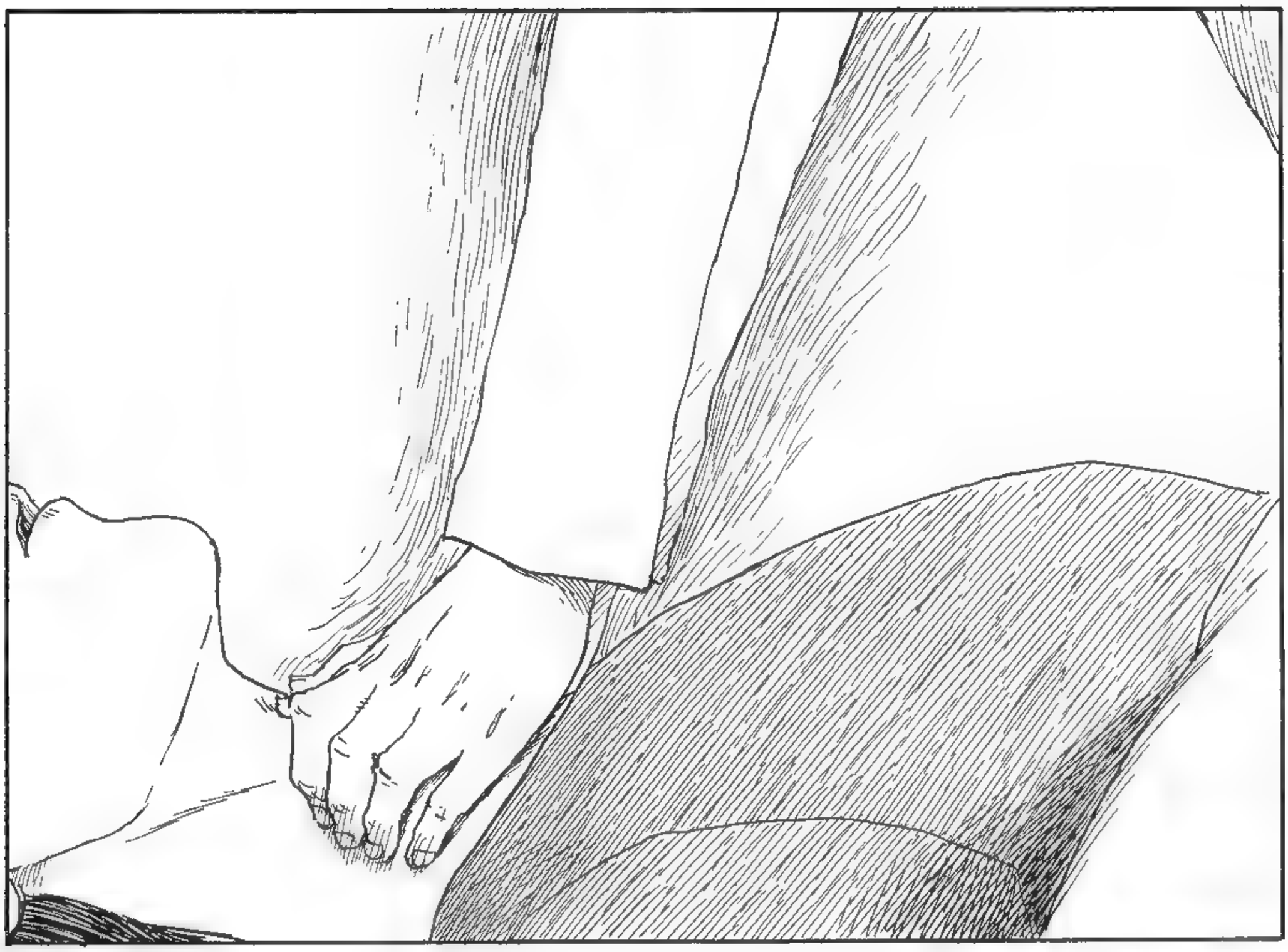


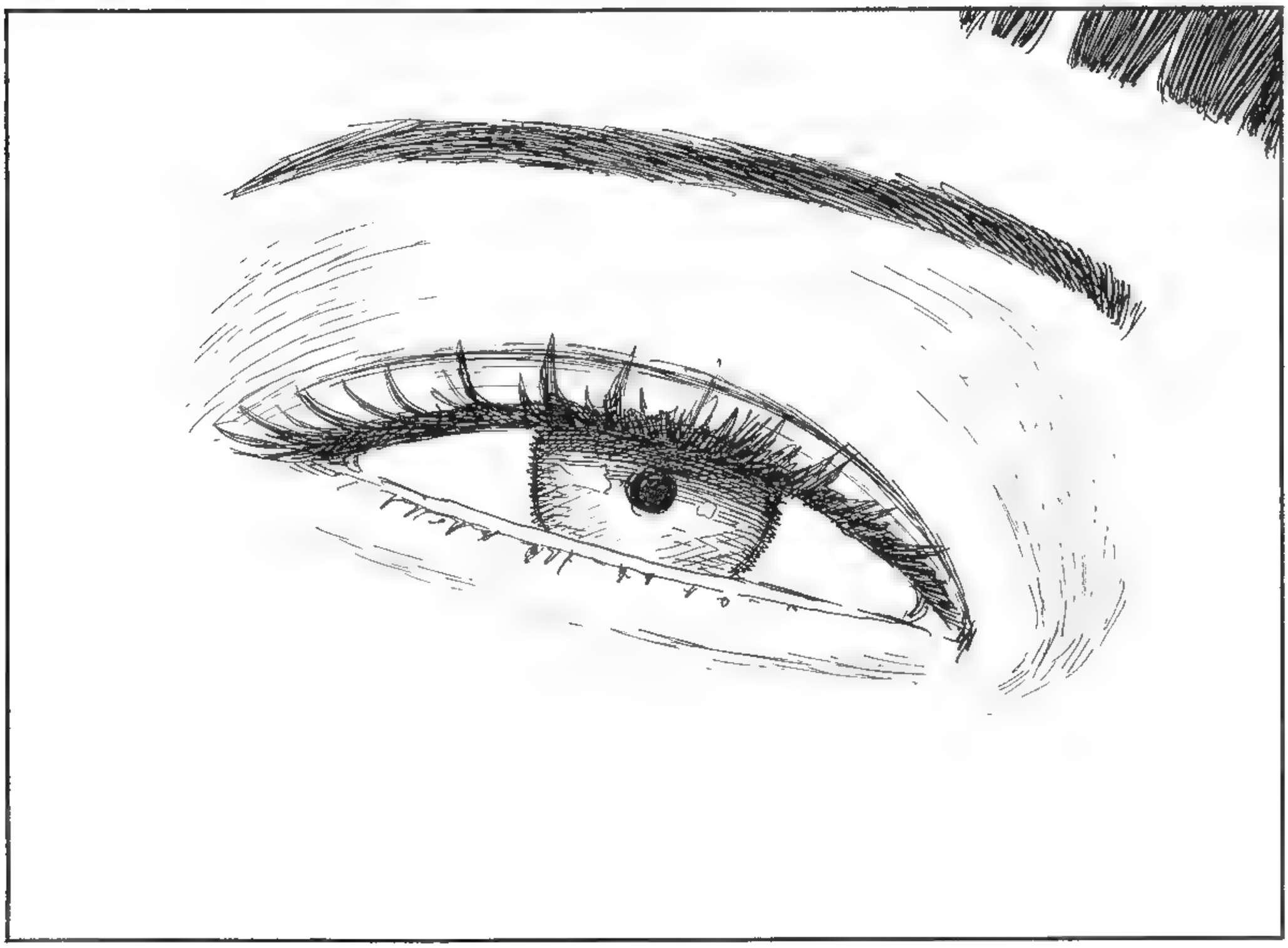


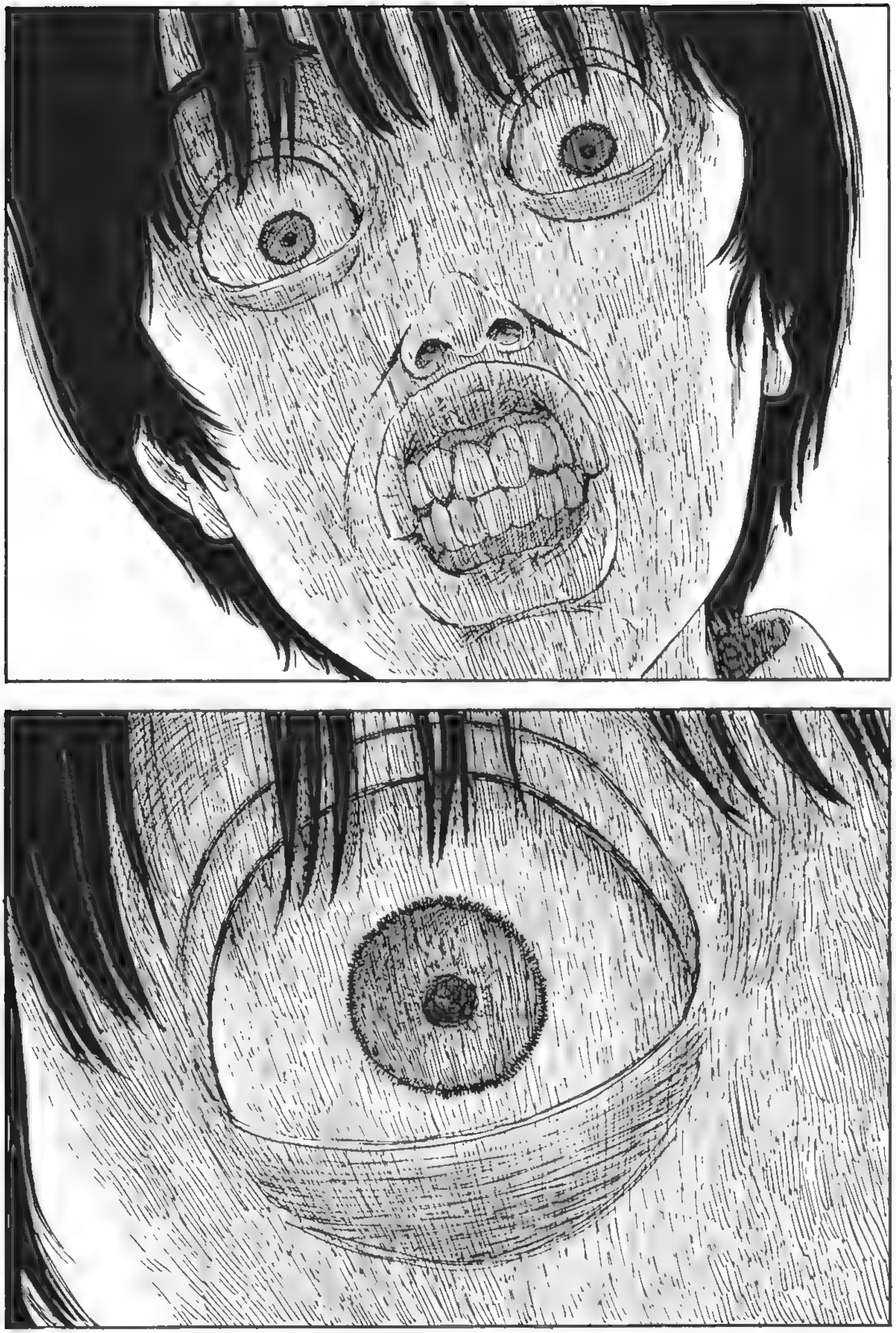










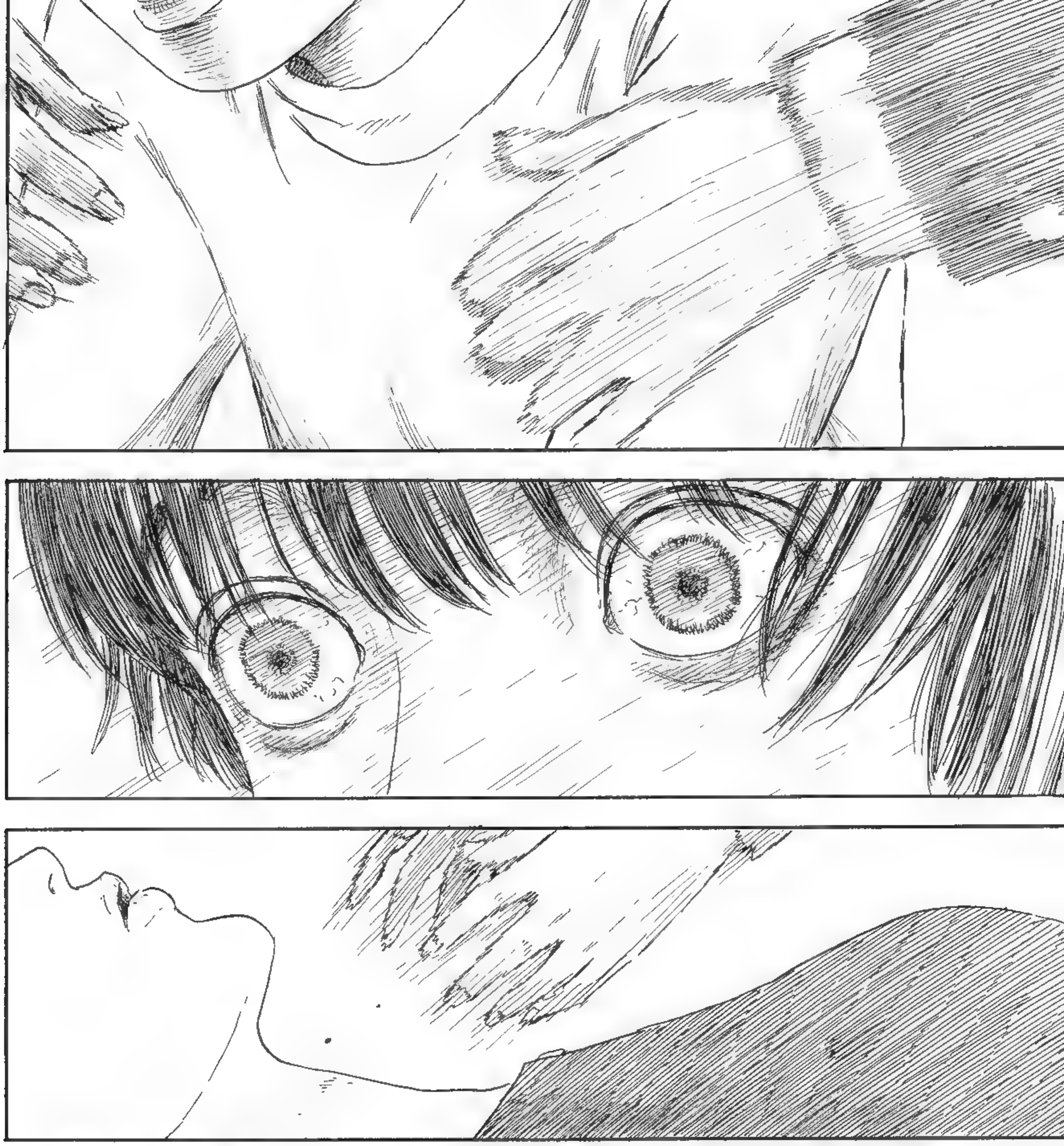


OH,
I SEE.



CHAPTER 108 Disposition










KOFF

GET OVER HERE!



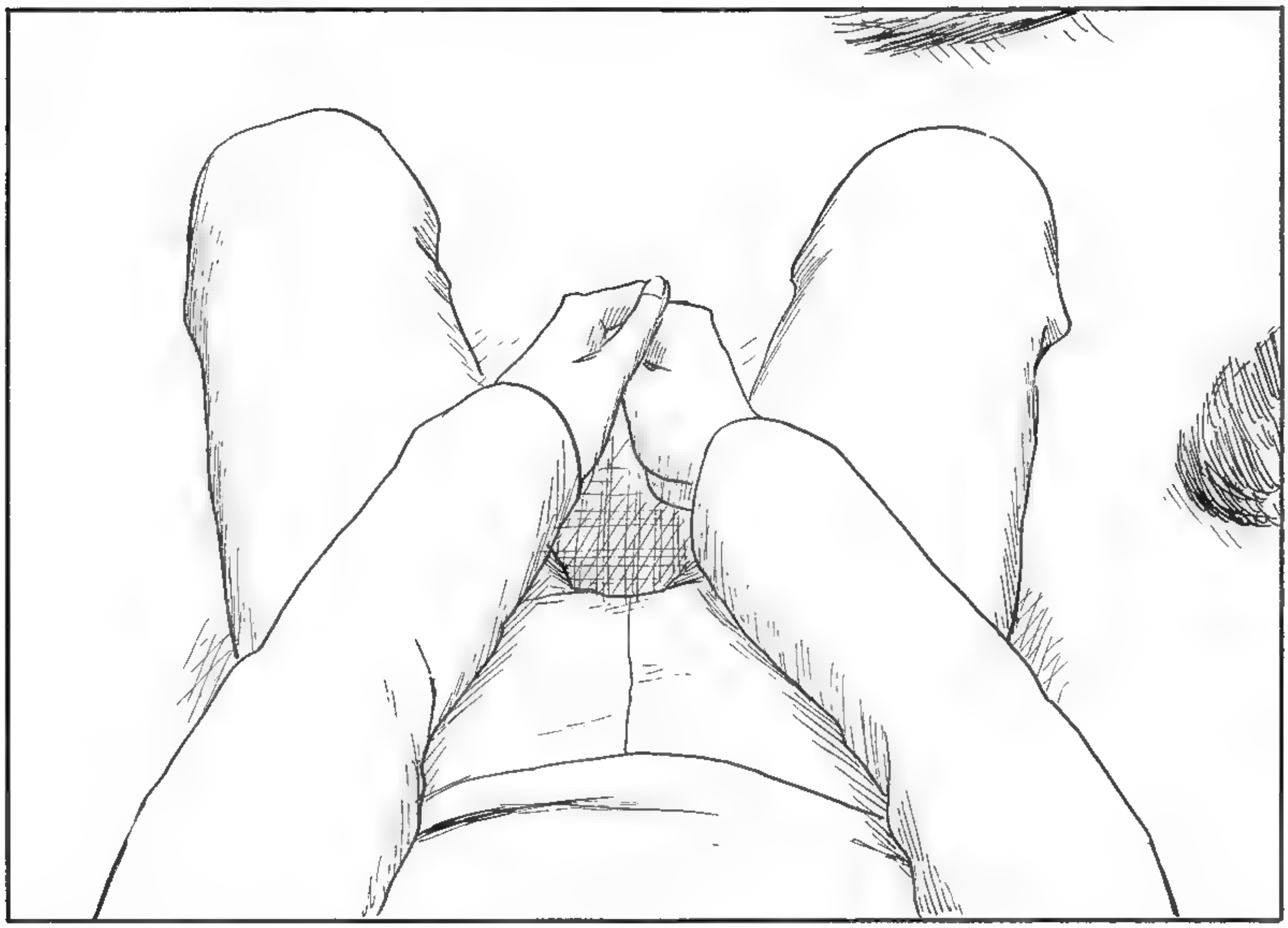
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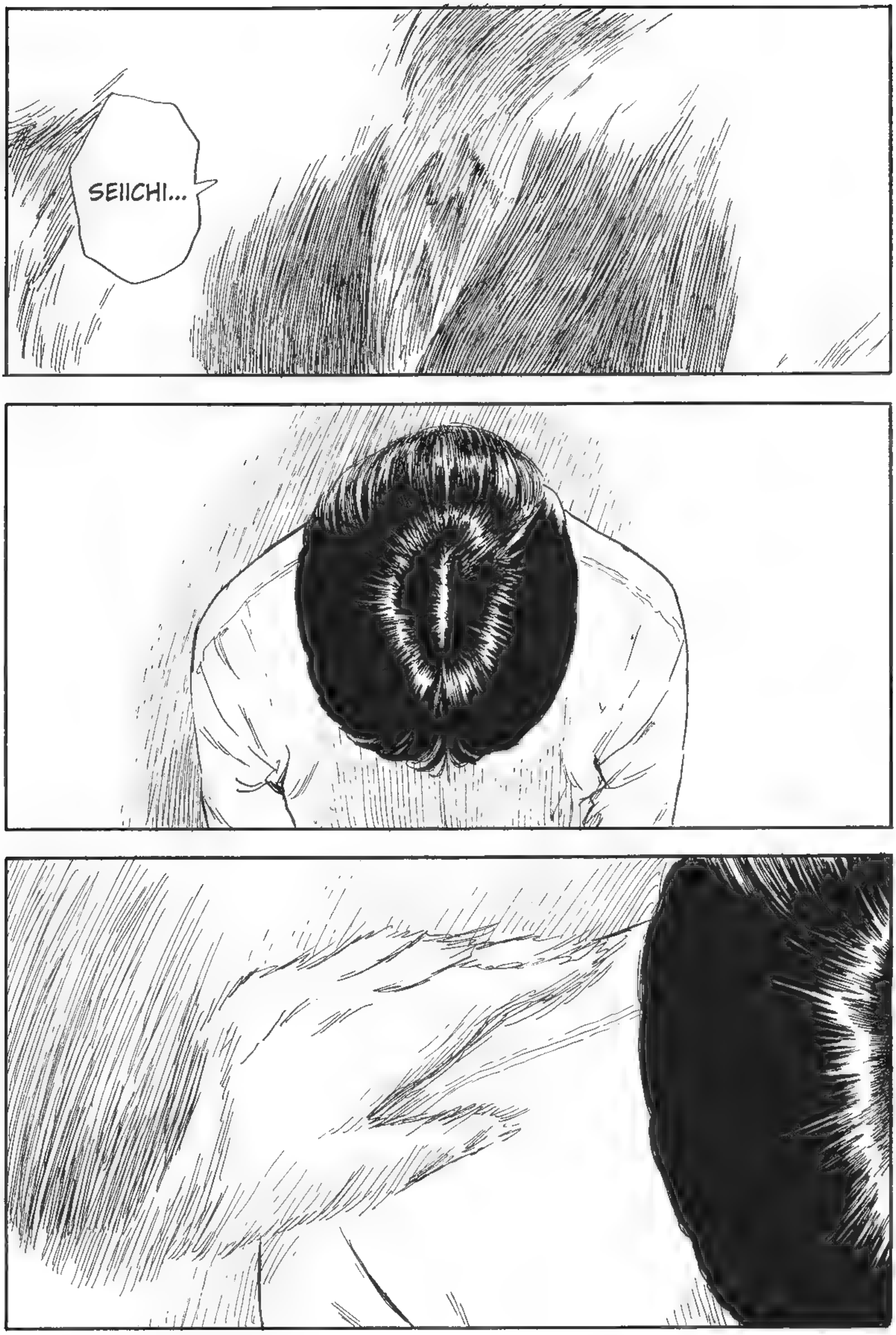





SLAM






SEIICHI...


CAN WE... CONTINUE THE HEARING?
HAVE YOU COOLED DOWN?





...YES, SIR.

I APOLOGIZE.



YES, YOUR HONOR.

WE'VE REMOVED YOUR MOTHER FROM THE COURTROOM.

TAKE YOUR SEAT.

REGARD... SEIICHI'S...

I'D LIKE... OPINION...

...POWERFUL EMOTIONAL BOND...

HE HASN'T MANAGED TO... HIS OWN IDENTITY...

...HONOR...

...HIS MOTHER... PRESENCE...

PERSONALITY DEVELOP-MENT...

...STATE OF... IMMATURE... NOT PROPERLY AWARE...

WITH HIS FATHER...

OPPOR-TUNITY TO RECOVER...

AS HIS ATTENDANT ...

AWAY... HIS MOTHER...

WHAT... THINK...

MR. OSABE...

WHATEVER... TAKE CARE... SEIICHI...

YOUR HONOR... I... SEIICHI...

I'M WILLING... SEIICHI...

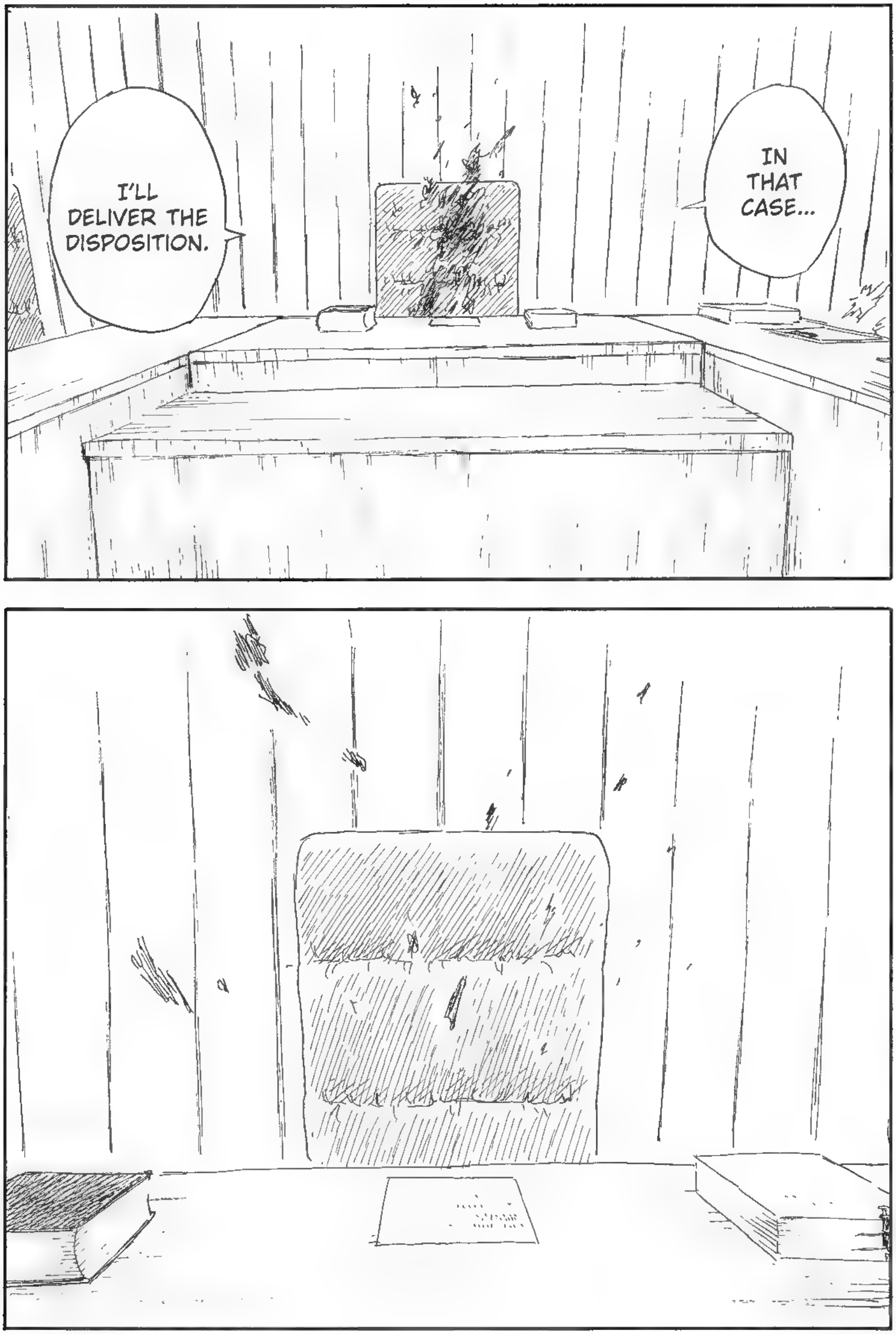
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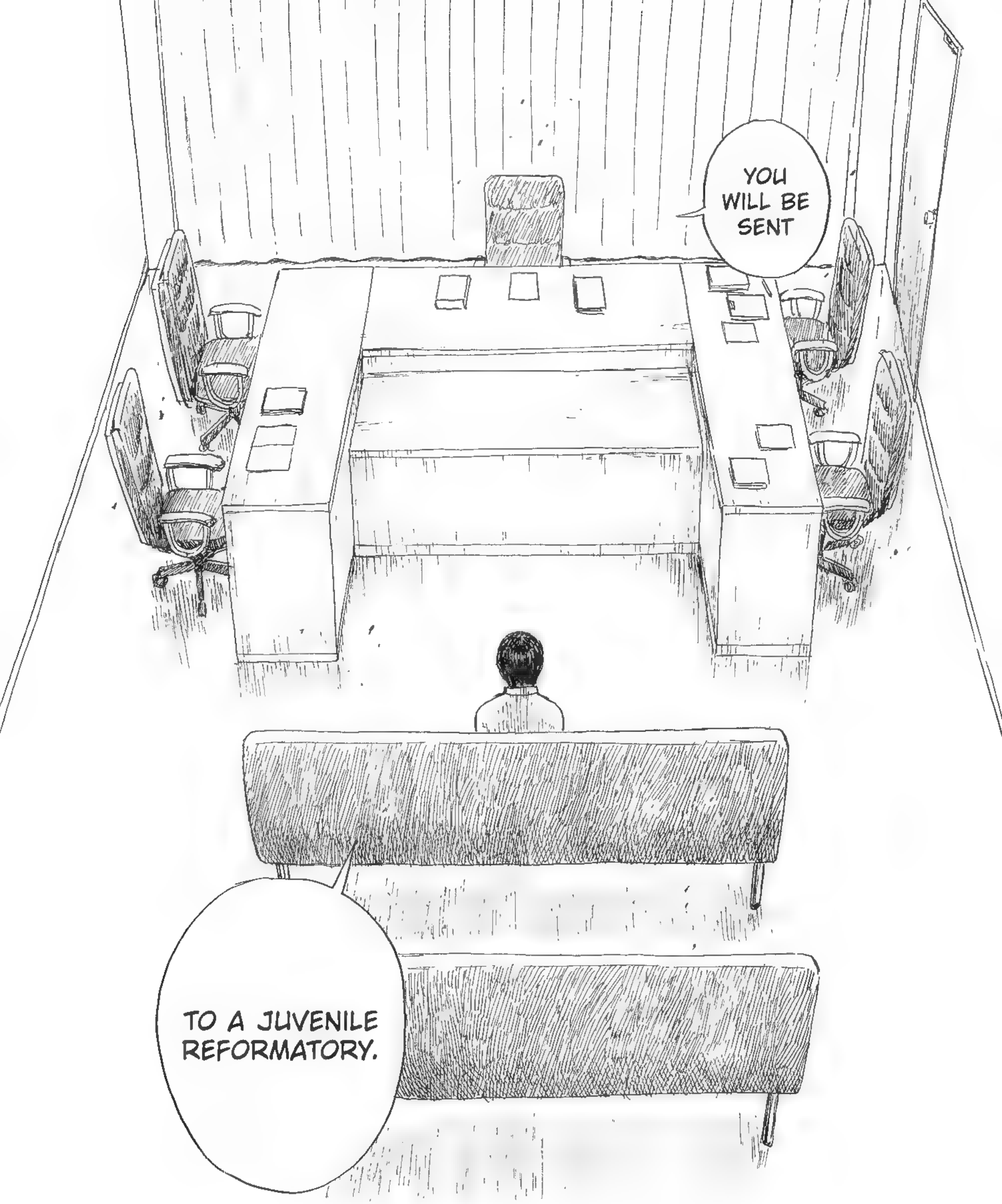
...RIGHT...

SEIICHI... IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY?

LASTLY...

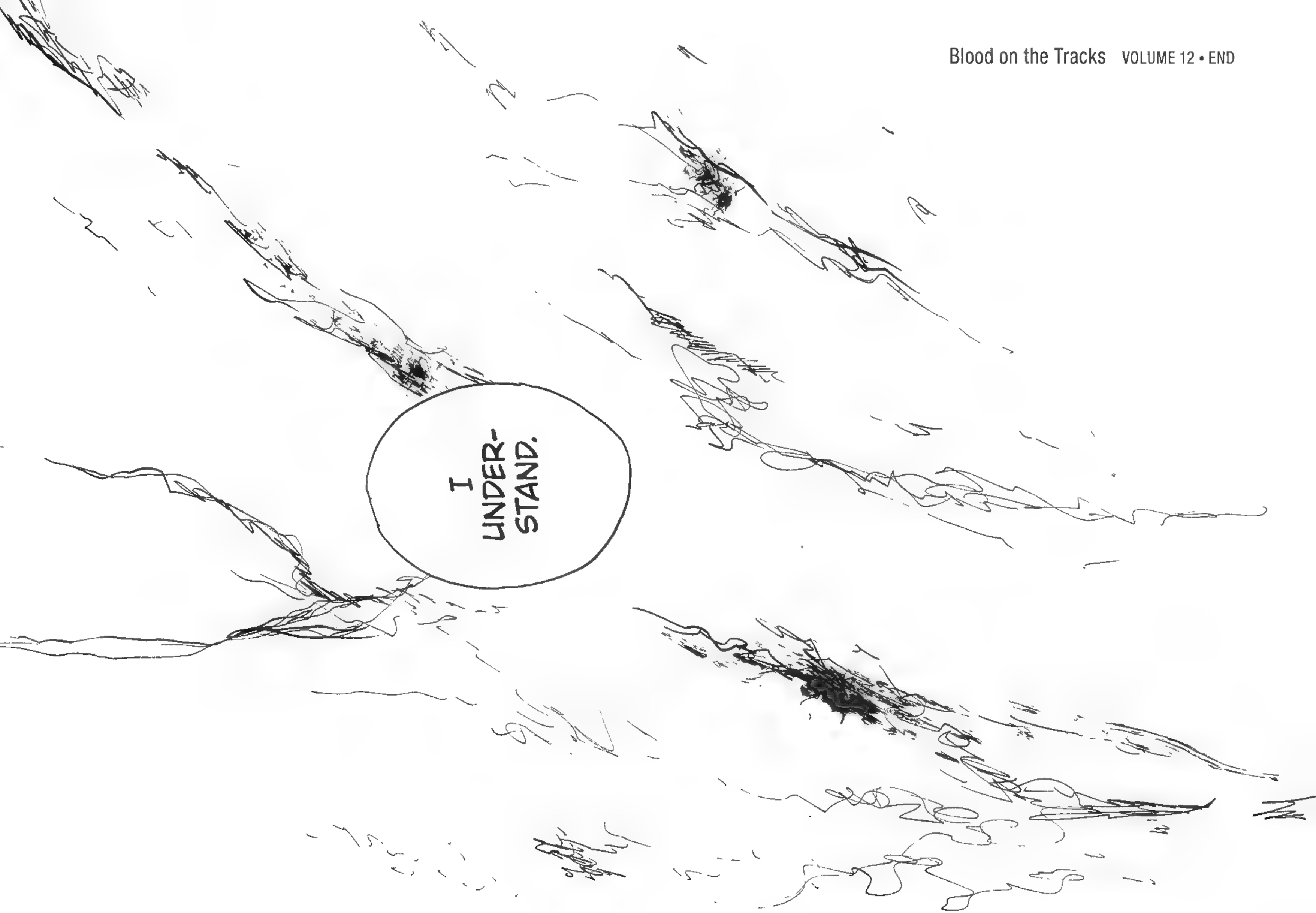
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IN THAT CASE...


YOU WILL BE SENT
TO A JUVENILE REFORMATORY.



YES, YOUR HONOR.

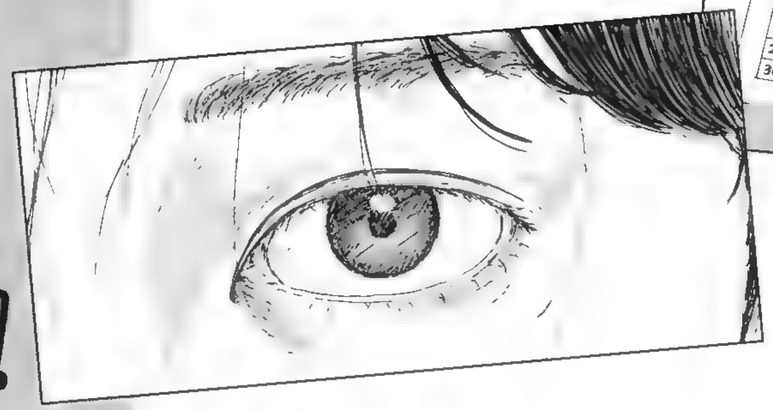

I UNDER-STAND.


precious
Memories
photo album

The flow of time down the tracks?!

is cruel





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I'm melting... I'm gonna melt...

K- Kei...

Ah...

way more intense

It feels...

good.

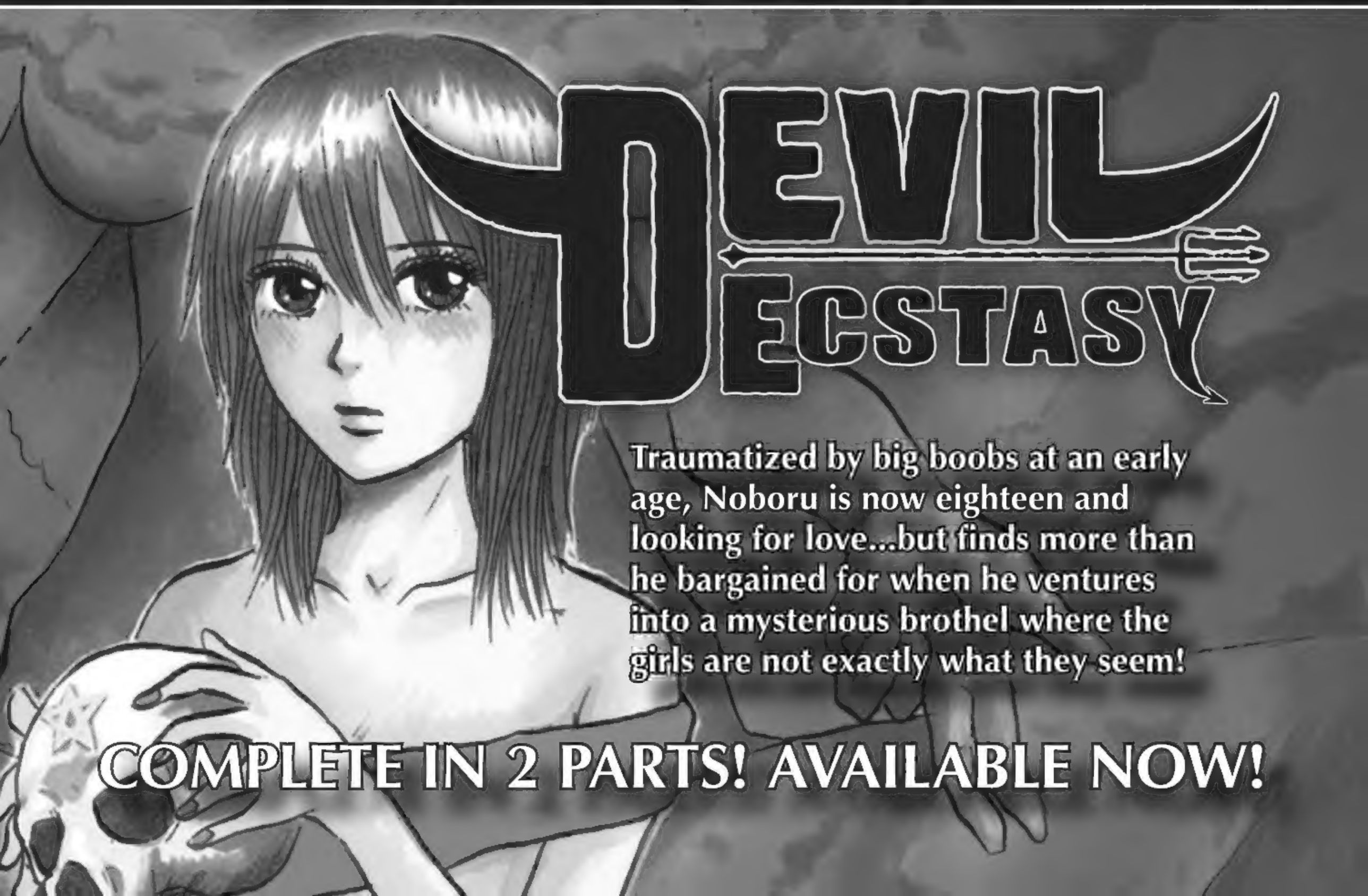
than masturbation.

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